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SHATTERING SETBACK TO PANZER SPEARHEAD IN GREECE

Germans Repulsed At Every Point Of Contact On Front

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS REPORTED IN ATHENS LAST NIGHT THAT THE MAIN BODIES OF THE GREEK AND BRITISH TROOPS, AFTER INFLECTING A SHATTERING SETBACK TO THE PANZER SPEARHEAD COLUMN, WERE LOCKED IN BATTLE EARLY YESTERDAY WITH THE INVADERS WHO ARE STRIKING IN FULL FORCE AGAINST THE PRINCIPAL DEFENCE LINE.

Athens radio declared: "Generally speaking, wherever hitherto German armoured columns have met Greek resistance they have been checked.

The German columns are now in contact with the organised central front, held by the main British and Greek forces. This forms a powerful wall against which the Germans have now given battle."

The radio describes the terrific battle from Florina to Vanitsa, where it is claimed the Anglo-Greek force shattered a major German vanguard column of tanks, motorcycles and infantry.

Swift-moving British and Anzac armoured cars are reported to have destroyed many German tanks, imposing heavy casualties along the Yanitsa Plain, 28 miles west of Salonika, where the Germans are trying to turn the Anglo-Greek flank for a drive to Larissa.

The Greek communique is conservative in tone, merely re-

porting "restricted activity" at various points on both fronts. Indicating the High Command is awaiting the development of definite trends before an announcement.

Reports received in Athens claim the Yugoslavs are strongly counter-attacking in many sectors, especially north-west of Skopje.

Rupel Pass Held

It is reported that the Greeks facing a trap in Albania have repulsed a heavy Italian attack north of the Aous River, with many Italian casualties.

It is reported that the Greek defenders are still holding the Rupel Pass fortifications, though few survive.—International News Service.

Cairo Announces Defeat Of Germans

The forces of the Empire in Northern Greece on Saturday came into contact with German tanks and infantry on the "eastern sector of our front" and some fighting ensued which resulted in the Germans being driven back. It was reported in Cairo yesterday.

Otherwise there is no change on that front.—Reuter.

Which Contradicts This Nazi Claim

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") German claims, which are not confirmed from any other source, allege that the main Anglo-Greek defence line has retired to the southerly Olympus Mountains.

They are said to have withdrawn 35 miles, forming a new line running from the Aegean coast westward across Larissa to Yanina.—International News Service.

EVENTS AS SEEN IN CAIRO

The German and Italian forces have extended their record dash across Libya, it is learned in Cairo, to the Egyptian frontier.

Leaving Tobruk to be settled later, they seized Bardia and are now fighting near Sollum.

The speed of their advance has had its complications.

The British and Imperial forces at Tobruk threaten their lines of communication, the R.A.F. smashed an imminent tank attack in that area, they are believed to be relying on petrol supplies by air to oil their advance, and as the Western Desert again becomes a battleground, British reinforcements are being rushed up daily.

The British forces in northern Greece have driven back German tanks and infantry on the eastern sector of the Allied front, and R.A.F. aircraft continued to harry German motorised convoys in the Bitoli area (the entrance to Monastir Gap), but no major battle between the Allied and German forces has yet begun.

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YUGOSLAV FRONT UNBROKEN

The Yugoslav front is unbroken, though their losses have been heavy, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen."

He says Berlin recognises that the difficulties of the Balkan operations have still to be overcome.—Reuter.

GERMANS CONTRADICT THE ITALIANS

ANOTHER YUGOSLAV TOWN HAS BEEN BOMBED BY THE GERMANS, NAMELY SARAJEVO, CAPITAL OF BOSNIA—THE CITY WHERE THE ASSASSINATION OF THE AUSTRIAN ARCHDUKE WAS THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF THE WAR IN 1914.

The German news agency claims that direct hits were made on large troop camps between the railway station and the town causing extensive destruction and large fires.—Reuter.

[D.N.B. seems to be providing the contradiction of the grotesque Italian claim to the capture of Sarajevo.]

MORE COMFORTING DEVELOPMENTS IN YUGOSLAVIA

THE POSITION IN YUGOSLAVIA WAS DESCRIBED IN LONDON YESTERDAY AS BEING SLIGHTLY MORE COMFORTING.

In southern Yugoslavia the Germans have been driven back to Suha Reka, and Yugoslav troops were now advancing on Kacamik Gorge.

German armoured forces have been encountered at the village of Tobola, about 20 miles from Belgrade, and the village is now isolated.

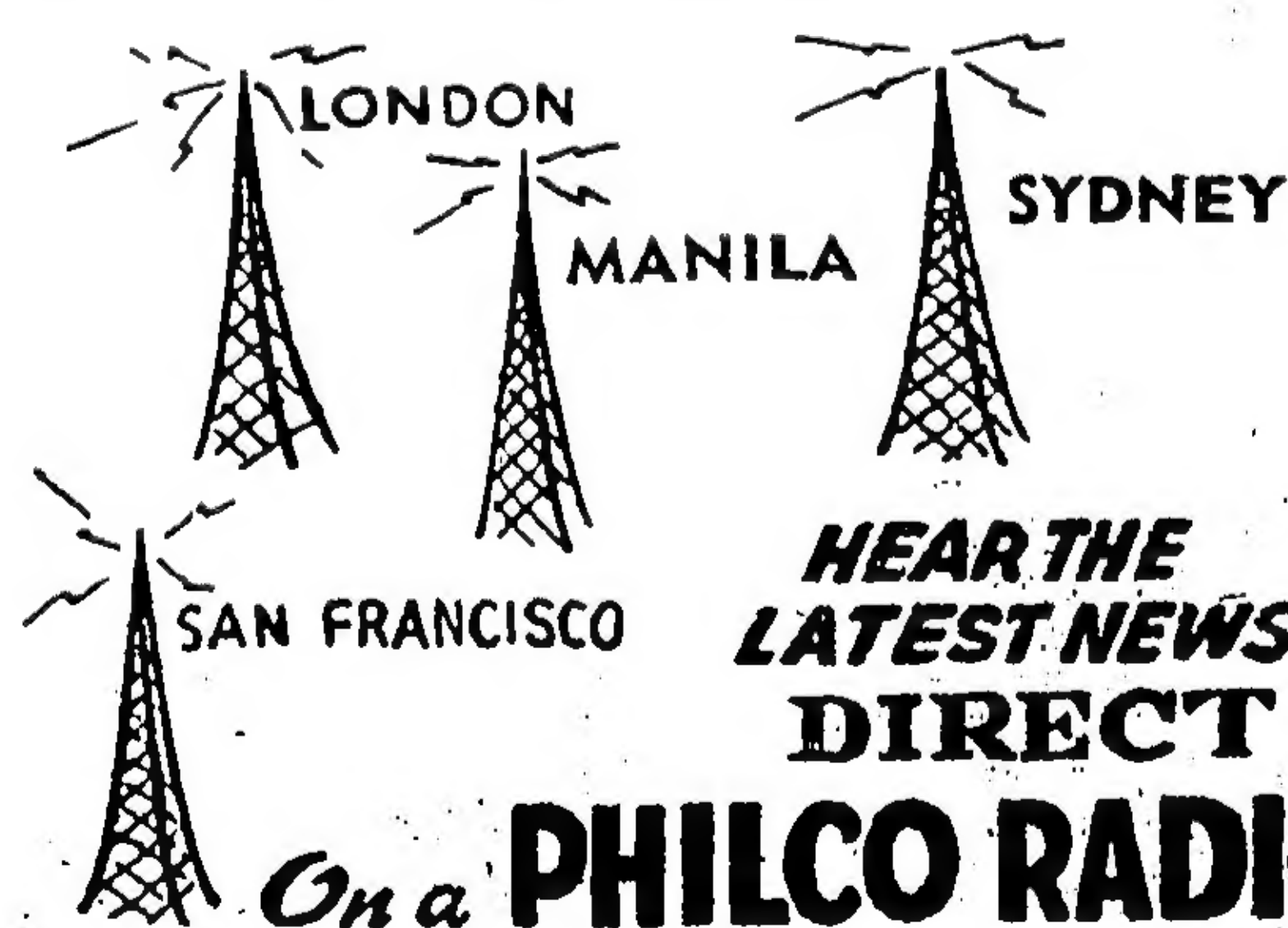
In Kragujevac and Kraus Evac, the Yugoslavs were holding their own and had retaken Brokuplje.

In north-west Yugoslavia, the situation was still confusing at an early hour yesterday, according to reliable information reaching London, though the Yugoslavs

were resisting on both sides of the Morva River.

Independent Action

There were indications, too, that the Yugoslav commanders who, according to a German broadcast, had been asked by General Simovitch to act independently, were apparently acting on their own, and some of them appeared to be doing their job quite well and were fighting down from the mountains.—Reuter.



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Large German Column Hurled Into Broken Retreat BLITZ COLUMN COMPLETELY DISPERSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

STURDY GREEK TROOPS, SUPPORTED BY BRITISH AND IMPERIAL ARMoured UNITS, HURLED A HUGE GERMAN COLUMN OF TANKS, MOTOR-CYCLISTS AND INFANTRY BACK INTO BROKEN RETREAT IN A SMASHING COUNTER-ATTACK NORTH OF THE GREEK TOWN OF FLORINA, IT WAS ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY IN ATHENS.

The Easter victory was revealed in a special bulletin issued by the Athens Press Ministry, which declared that a powerful Nazi blitz column had been completely dispersed as it moved on Florina down the road from Monastir Gap, on the Yugoslav frontier, in an effort to turn the western flank of the British and Greek defence line.

It is declared the Germans suffered severe casualties and considerable damage to their tanks and other vehicles in the first serious setback inflicted on them since the panzer divisions broke through Monastir Gap into north and central Greece.

Simultaneously Athens received news of a mighty Yugoslav counter-attack from Nish, in central Serbia. The Yugoslavs are understood to have stemmed German drives against the national capital of Belgrade and the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo. International News Service.

Bombastic Nazi Claim

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Bombastic Berlin claims allege that at least 14 Yugoslav divisions, comprising about 200,000 troops, have been "wiped out" by the German forces since the invasion of Yugoslavia a week ago. Nazi circles attribute "this success" to their air force, which forced the Yugoslav divisions to "face annihilation or capitulation." International News Service.

JITTERY SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") JITTERY SHANGHAI WAS SHAKEN UP YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHEN THE SIREN OF THE B. AND S. VESSEL "PAKHAI" WENT OFF LIKE AN AUTOMOBILE HORN WHICH THE CREW WERE UNABLE TO CHECK FOR FIVE MINUTES.

Shanghai believed an armistice had arrived or that something had happened to the Italian liner "Conte Verde" which for a week has been believed to be preparing for a dash to Japan.—International News Service.

NAZI AIR LOSSES

THE GERMANS LOST 48 PLANES OVER BRITAIN AND ROUND THE BRITISH COASTS IN THE WEEK ENDING AT DAWN ON APRIL 12. FORTY-FIVE OF THESE WERE BOMBERS.

During this period Britain lost only one plane in this area.

Details show the Germans lost one plane on April 7, six during the night of April 7/8, one on April 8, 10 during the night of April 8/9, three on April 9, 12 during the night of April 9, two on April 10, 10 during the night of April 10/11 and three during the night of April 11/12.—Reuter.

SOVIET REBUKE TO HUNGARY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Russian rebuke to Hungary for having invaded Yugoslavia is interpreted as a threat of possible Soviet action in the Balkans against Nazi-influenced Hungary.

The Soviet Deputy Foreign Commissar's reference to minorities in Hungary refers to Ukrainians and Ruthenians.

His words appeared to contain a veiled threat of the possibility that the Red Army might be set in motion to assume "protection" over the Slavic peoples inhabiting sub-Carpathic Russia, which Hungary seized from Czechoslovakia two years ago.

Such a Soviet measure might be calculated to retaliate against Hungary, which sent troops into Yugoslavia last Thursday night. It might also bolster resistance against the Italo-German invasion by Yugoslavia with who Russia has a treaty of non-aggression and friendship. International News Service.

CHURCHILL TALK TO YUGOSLAVS

"Do not regret that staunch courage which has brought upon you this furious onslaught," said Mr. Winston Churchill in a broadcast last night to the Yugoslav people.

"You are making a heroic resistance against formidable odds, and so proving true to your traditions."

"Your courage will shine out in the pages of history and will reap a more immediate reward. Whatever you lose in the present you have saved for the future."

"The British Empire is fighting with you and behind is the great democracy of the United States with its vast and ever increasing resources. "However hard the fight, our victory is assured."—Reuter.

BOY SCOUTS TUNNEL BY HAND TO RESCUE

Two Rover Scouts who tunneled into the debris of a bombed house with their hands to rescue a trapped man have each been awarded the Boy Scouts Association's Gilt Cross for gallantry.

They are Norman S. Petts and John W. Livesy, of Middlesex. Cries were heard from the debris, and Petts and Livesy immediately began to tunnel towards the voice.

Eventually they crawled inside, supporting wreckage with broken timbers, and on reaching the injured man began to hollow out the debris beneath him.

Escaping gas added to the danger.

YUGOSLAVIA ARMY INTACT IN MOUNTAINS

Majority of the Yugoslav forces have withdrawn intact into the mountains, where they will be able to hold out as long as supplies reach them from the Dalmatian coast.

This statement by the Yugoslav Embassy spokesman in Ankara was quoted by the Ankara correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting System in New York. —Reuter.

SOVIET POLICY IN BALKANS

The significance of the Russian attitude to Yugoslavia was stressed by a "Sunday Times" correspondent in a review of the Balkan situation.

The correspondent points out that far from regarding a Yugoslav defeat as a foregone conclusion, the "Red Star" organ of the Red Army, on Saturday declared the Soviet Union regarded the foreign policy of the Simovitch Government as the right one, that latest developments added significance to the pact of friendship signed on the morning of the German invasion and that Russia would always "fulfil her pledges."

Without reading too much into this statement, says the correspondent, it is clear the Russians are encouraging the Yugoslavs to resist as long as possible.

It may also be gathered that the Russians were not unimpressed with Mr. Churchill's last speech and would welcome a closer understanding with Britain and Turkey and possibly with the United States.—Reuter.

AMERICAN CLUB STAYS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") ELOQUENT SPEECHES AGAINST HAULING DOWN THE STARS AND STRIPES IN SHANGHAI AT THIS TIME, DEFEATED A PROPOSAL TO SELL THE AMERICAN CLUB PROPERTY BY A VOTE OF THREE TO ONE.

A proposal to sell the building for \$2,500,000 to "Shanghai Securities, Ltd." would give "a wrong impression that Americans are pulling out their stake here," said Judge N. F. Allman.—International News Service.

MINISTER LEAVES FOR TURKEY

The Yugoslav Minister to Bulgaria, with the staff of the Legation in Sofia, has left for Turkey, according to a telegram from the Bulgarian capital received in Rome.—Reuter.

M. EGAL BEING TAKEN TO SAIGON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

M. Egal, Leader of the Free French movement in Shanghai, left under custody for Saigon last night on board the Messageries Maritimes ship "Kingia."

M. Egal faces trial by the naval authorities in Saigon on a charge of inciting French sailors to desertion after three members of the crew of the French gunboat "Francis Garner" deserted and joined a General de Gaulle detachment which left Shanghai last week.

M. Egal has been recruiting forces for the Free French for over a year unmolested by the French authorities, as long as he confined his activities to civilians or members of the crews of French merchantmen plying between Saigon and Shanghai.

He was taken into custody by the French navy when he allegedly incited French naval sailors to desert.

M. Egal's wife, son and lawyer, M. Paul Premet, were permitted to bid him good-bye on board the "Kingia."—International News Service.

BLIMPS DEFY 'NO SPIT AND POLISH' ORDER

Brigadiers and colonels of the "Spit and Polish" school are countermanding orders from their divisional headquarters and exposing their men to unnecessary danger.

This complaint is made by soldiers home on leave.

Divisional headquarters issued an order that brass should not be cleaned because of the possibility of attracting the attention of the enemy.

But some senior officers of the old school have ignored the order and commanded a general polish up.

Here is the story of one soldier: "After a few days' observance of the order not to polish brass we had another battalion order to polish again. We had even to blanch the tapes of our gas capes. As a result men on guard round camouflaged tanks were glittering in the moonlight like Christmas trees."

"We do not want to look slovenly, and at all times greatcoat buttons and cap badges are cleaned for walking out."

"What we object to is the waste of time on a job we are forbidden to do by divisional headquarters, and one which needlessly endangers the battalion and equipment."

SHANGHAI WAVE OF STRIKES

A wave of strikes is sweeping through Shanghai.

Yesterday, some 20,000 masons, plumbers, and carpenters, employed in hundreds of factories, and workshops, went on strike, demanding increased wages.

In the French Concession, employees in several hotels and boarding houses also struck work. Our Own Correspondent.

ACCORD WITH A DIFFERENCE

Novel Form Of Instrument Signed In Moscow

With Some Significant Omissions

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND NEUTRALITY SIGNED BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND JAPAN IS A SOMEWHAT NOVEL FORM OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT.

In effect, the Treaty of Neutrality as it stands does not go so far as a treaty of non-aggression, especially that so recently signed between Russia and Yugoslavia.

In the latter, both countries pledged themselves to continue their policy of friendship, even in the event of either being a victim of aggression.

In the treaty between Moscow and Japan each country agrees to observe neutrality if the other is the object of military action by a third power or powers.

It would therefore theoretically lie the hands of Japan, in the event of Russia being attacked by her Axis partners, and similarly would ensure Russia's neutrality if Japan were attacked from any quarter.

The Initiative?

Apparently, however, there is no provision as to their mutual attitude if either takes the initiative in "military action."

THIS OMISSION, WHICH CANNOT BE DUE TO OVERSIGHT, IS VERY SIGNIFICANT AS IT LEAVES THE DOOR OPEN TO SUNDRY CONTINGENCIES.

On the whole, therefore, the new Treaty cannot be said to modify the situation very materially.

Recognition of the mutual situation in Manchukuo and Outer Mongolia really consecrates de facto a situation already in being.

The question of Russia's aid to Chungking is conspicuously absent from the published reports of the negotiations. — Reuter.

Von der Schulenberg To Report To Berlin

Following the signing of the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact, Count von der Schulenberg, the German Ambassador, left Moscow for Berlin last night to consult with his Government. — Reuter.

SOFIA CAMPAIGN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
THE SOFIA NEWSPAPERS HAVE STARTED A CAMPAIGN ALLEGING A REIGN OF ANARCHY IN YUGOSLAVIA AND THAT THE DEFENCELESS BULGARIAN POPULATION THERE IS TERRIFIED.

It is believed Bulgaria will shortly emulate Hungary and send troops to Yugoslavia "to protect" Bulgarian residents. It is believed Bulgaria may seize the pretext to "reclaim" Yugoslav Macedonia. — International News Service.

U.S. MINISTER'S HOME DESTROYED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
A message to the State Department in Washington reports that the residence of the U.S. Minister to Belgrade was virtually destroyed, though the Legation offices were only slightly damaged, in the Nazi air raids. The Minister and his staff are safe.

JUST ONE MORE PAPER

The reaction of U.S. State Department officials to the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact indicated that it did not come as a surprise. They refrained, however, from any comment.

Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said the pact had no "real significance." He added: "It is just another of those papers."

Some legislators, however, privately expressed concern that Japan might now feel free to move in the Pacific. — Reuter.

U.S. WILL IGNORE DANISH PROTEST ON GREENLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT IS RELIABLY learned in Washington that the United States will reject or ignore Denmark's reported German-dictated disavowal of the new agreement extending American military protection to Greenland.

A high authority says the Danish Minister in Washington, M. Henrik de Kauffman, will refuse to comply with orders recalling him to Copenhagen as punishment for signing the agreement.

An Administration spokesman said Denmark's reported repudiation was obviously under German duress and is not considered valid.

He indicated the possibility that M. de Kauffman may be installed as head of a Danish refugee government in the United States, dealing independently with the United States regarding Danish affairs, including the seizure of vessels.

Going Ahead

In such an event, it is indicated that frozen Danish funds would promptly be placed at his disposal.

Meanwhile the United States is speeding plans for bases in Greenland.

A Berlin report says the Danish Government is drafting a comprehensive protest to Washington, including the recall of M. de Kauffman and a demand that the U.S.A. respect the "integrity" of Greenland. — International News Service.

DÉMOLITIONS DELAY ADVANCE

In Abyssinia, the two main British advances along the Dessale and Gondar Roads are still held up by demolitions while the Italians are demanding protection in increasing numbers from the ever-growing patriot forces. — Reuter.

HUNGARIAN MILITARY CLAIM

Hungarian troops occupied the whole of the Baranya triangle (former Hungarian territory which Hungary claims) by Saturday evening, according to a Budapest radio announcement.

Hungarian troops reached Ujvidek while parachutists seized important bridges far ahead of the army and are continuing to hold them until mechanised troops arrive.

The announcer added that the Yugoslavs, in an attempt to hinder the Hungarian advance, blew up several bridges. — Reuter.

MR. GAUSS DUE IN MAY

Mr. Clarence Gauss, newly-appointed American Ambassador to China, is expected in Shanghai on May 14 on board the "President Garfield," according to the Shanghai "Shun Pao."

The paper adds he will leave by the same steamer the next day for Hong Kong en route to Chungking. — Reuter.

STRIKE IN SHANGHAI LUXURY HOTELS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Leading hotels in Shanghai are threatened by a strike wave which started at the Cathay Mansions and spread to the Cathay Hotel.

The managers reported a likelihood of the strike spreading throughout E. D. Sassoon's hotel chain.

Patrons of luxurious suites are waiting on themselves as telephones, lifts and the kitchen are not working. International New Service.

A.R.P. SHELTERS AS "MARKETS"

With their iron gates removed by thieves, certain air raid pen-shelters are being utilised by Chinese hawkers, and turned into small market places.

Early in the morning and when rain prevents them from hawking in the streets, vendors adjourn to nearby pen shelters and there exhibit goods for sale.

MATSUOKA LEAVES FOR HOME

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, left Moscow for Tokyo last evening after signing on behalf of his country the five-year Neutrality Pact with the Soviet Union.

Mr. Matsuoka is returning by way of the Trans-Siberian Railway.

His train was due to leave at 5 p.m., some three hours after the Pact was signed, but departure was delayed an hour by the Pact ceremonial and last-minute formalities.

Mr. Matsuoka has been in Moscow exactly a week following his visit to Berlin and Rome, where he went from the Soviet capital in March. — Reuter.

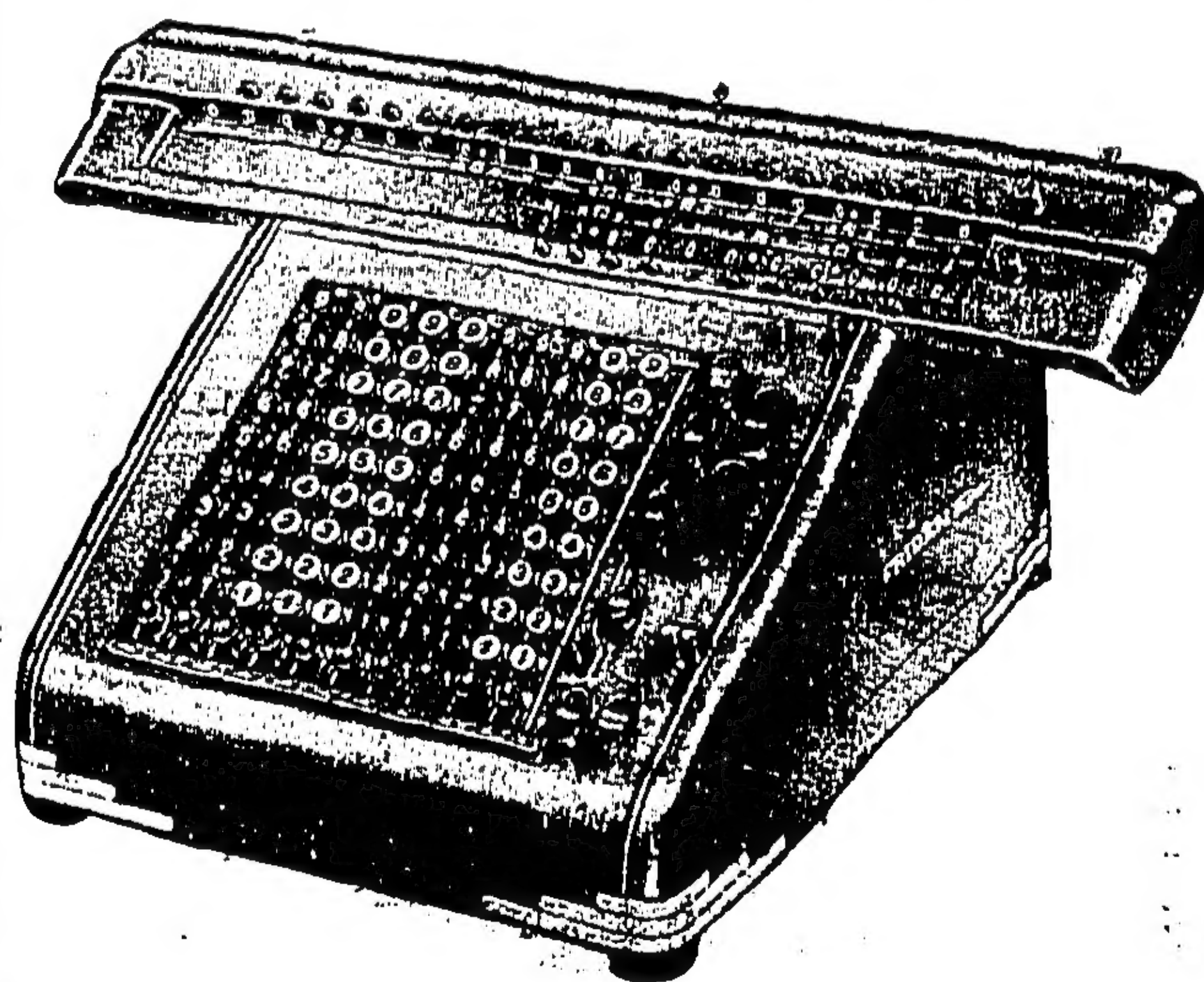
LESSONS IN FIRE BLITZ FIGHTING

Mobile exhibitions, demonstrating the proper methods of extinguishing incendiary bombs, will commence to tour the Island and mainland in April, the "China Mail" learns.

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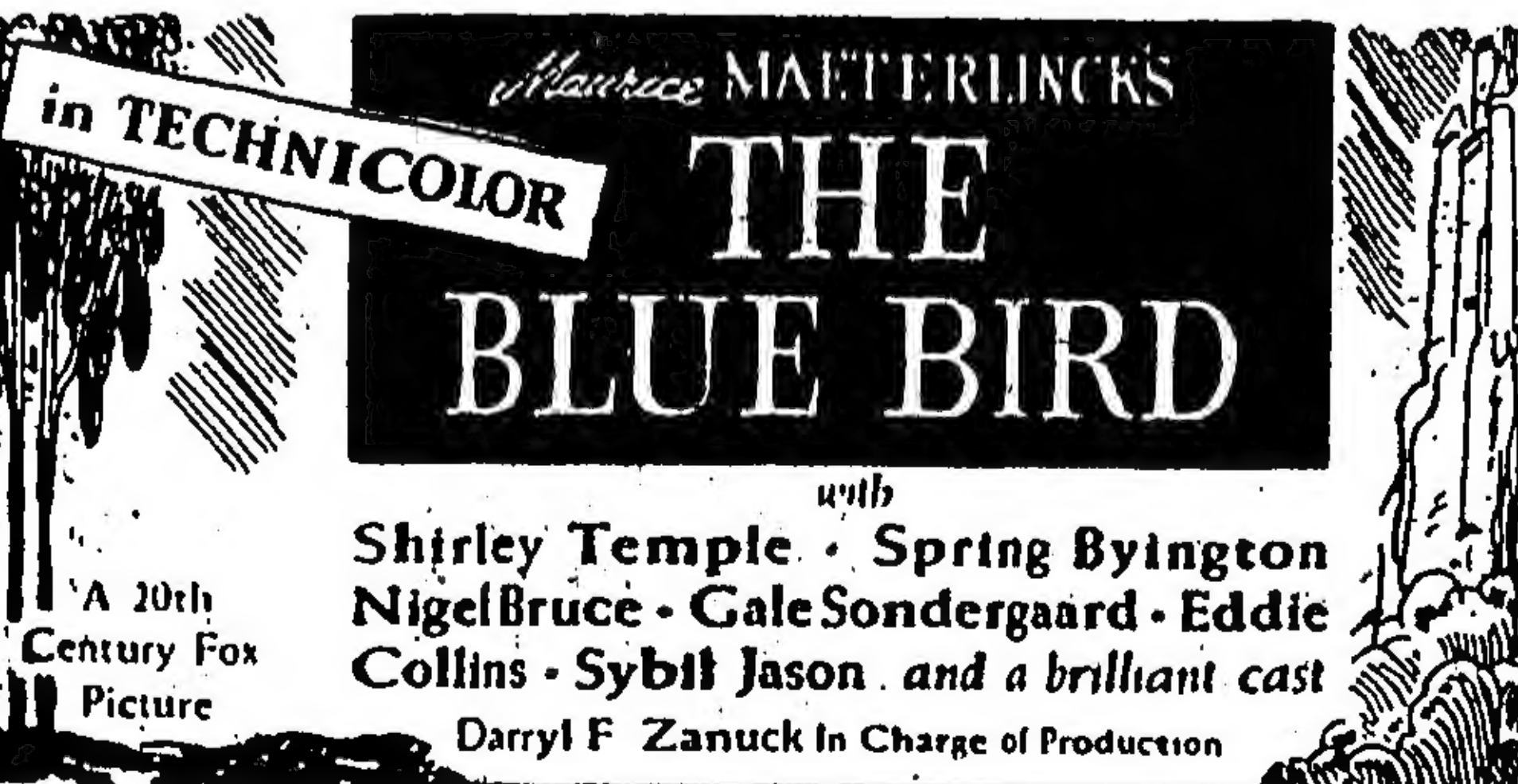
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GERMAN RAID REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A German High Command communique says Portsmouth, Bristol and the Midlands were heavily bombed on Friday/Saturday night. — International News Service.

HOSPITAL SHIP SINKING

The captain of the Greek hospital ship Attiki, sunk by German bombers on Saturday morning, was shot dead when the planes came down to a level of 100 feet and machine-gunned the lifeboats.

This is revealed in survivors' accounts released in Athens last night.

When the captain heard planes he signalled by hand signals and wireless that the vessel was a hospital ship. The signals were continued after the first stick of bombs had fallen.

28 Killed

The ship was set on fire and the decks ripped open and she began to sink.

Wounded, sick, nurses and doctors were lowered into boats but the Germans swooped down and machine-gunned them, killing the captain and others. Nurses and doctors swam, holding up wounded.

Twenty-eight were killed or drowned. — Reuter.

BERLIN DEATHROLL

An "Exchange Telegraph" report from Zurich received in London states that the R.A.F. attack on Berlin caused terrific havoc on German railway stations and residential quarters which had been almost completely gutted. Casualties, according to the report, amounted to over 2,500. — International News Service.

The Berlin radio yesterday denied the report of a neutral correspondent in Berlin that casualties in the R.A.F. raid were 2,000 dead. Only 11 were killed, the announcer stated. — Reuter.

BRITISH INTERESTS IN HUNGARY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The American Legation at Budapest has been asked to take over British interests, according to the D.N.B. German news agency.

British Legation members, however, have not yet left the Hungarian capital, pending assurance of the Hungarian Legation members' safe return from London. — International News Service.

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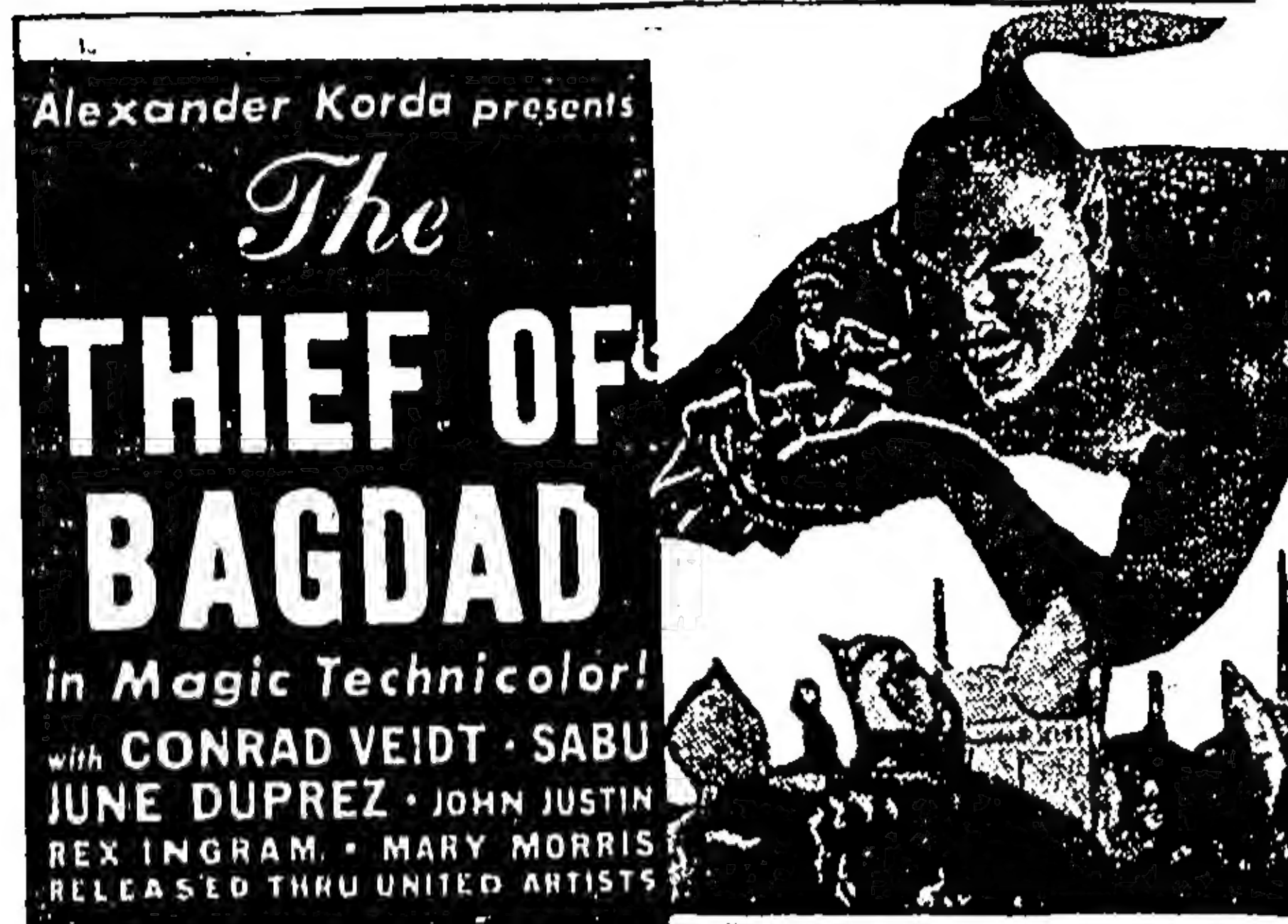
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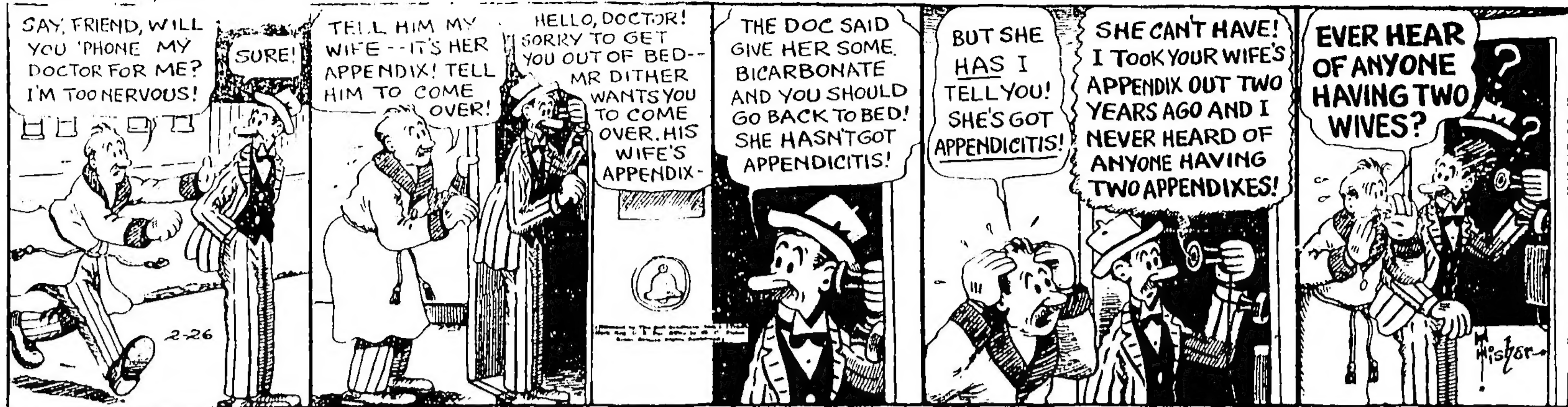
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I WAS A SPY--IN A PUBLIC LIBRARY

(By A Special Correspondent)

I PLAYED THE PART of an enemy spy at the week-end—just by walking into a reference library. It was at Birmingham's main public library. No one apparently observed me as I went in. There were no questions asked.

Downstairs, in the big technical section, I was alone but for two men and a schoolboy. Under the "aeronautical" section I started going through rows and rows of highly technical books on aviation and aerodromes. I picked out three books, then sat reading them at a table.

The first was called "Aeronautics-Charts," published in 1939. It gave a detailed account, complete with maps and photographs of all the main civil aerodromes in this country, many of them now taken over by the R.A.F.

I took notes of the longitude and latitude of a famous aerodrome outside London.

Maps showed all the roads, rivers and canals leading to the aerodromes.

A second book was called "Electrical and Wireless Equipment of Aircraft," published in 1940. This book gave scales and photographs of much R.A.F. equipment now being used.

I read a full technical discussion with all data on wing-tip

flares of the R.A.F. type, and saw photographs which were "R.A.F. official. Crown copyright reserved."

The third book on hydraulic equipment for aircraft was published in 1938. The point about it was its pages of advertisements of firms making parts for our bombers and fighters.

"I saw Mr. H. M. Cashmore, the city's head librarian. He seemed surprised the books were there. And he immediately withdrew them.

He told me "I am periodically ordered to withdraw certain books. In addition I have applied to have others withdrawn, but in many cases I have not received official permission to do it.

CLEAN-UP OF VICE IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The new joint police force in Shanghai has taken the first step against vice in the western "bad-lands" by raiding 10 opium dens, arresting 70 people and closing opium distributing hongs.

Chinese and Russian chorines caught dancing in the nude in raids on "immoral" theatres were bundled kicking and screaming into police vans. —International News Service.

INVASION GAVE HIM A BRIDE

When Mussolini invaded Greece he presented a British flying officer with freedom—and a wife. It happened like this.

When Flight-Lieutenant William Weir Campbell, awarded the D.F.C. for sinking two Italian submarines, was forced down in Greek waters before the Greek war began, he had to be interned.

In Athens he met and fell in love with an English girl, daughter of a leading member of the British colony there.

He became engaged to her, but would not marry so long as he was a prisoner. Then came Italy's attack.

Campbell and the crew of his Sunderland flying-boat, were released amid scenes of great enthusiasm—and before he went back on duty over the Mediterranean the wedding bells rang.

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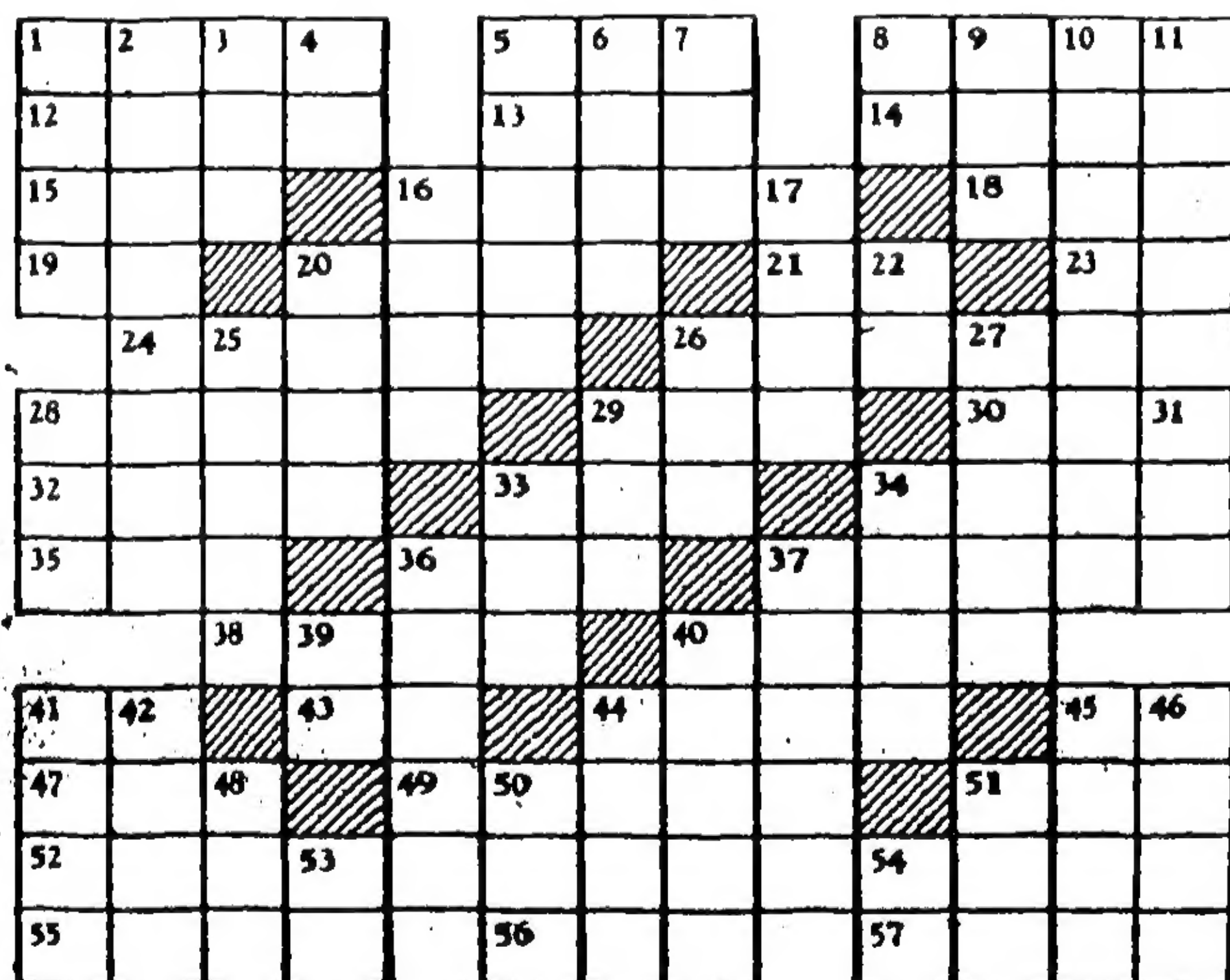
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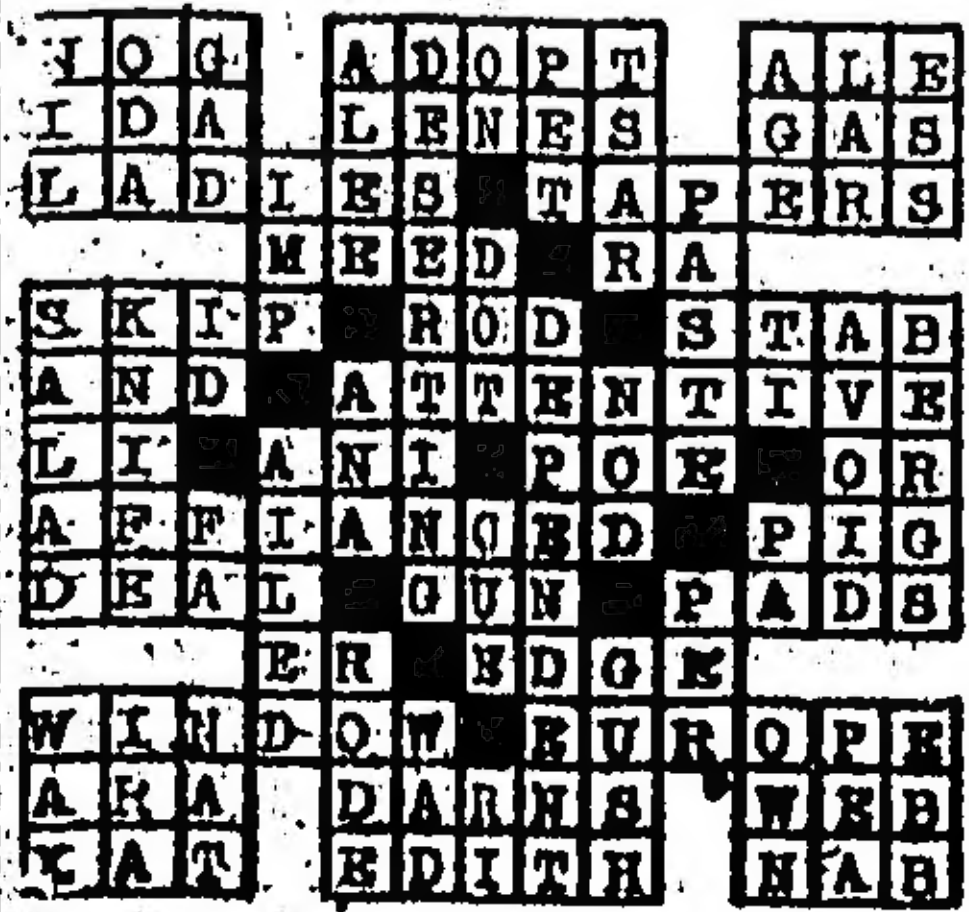
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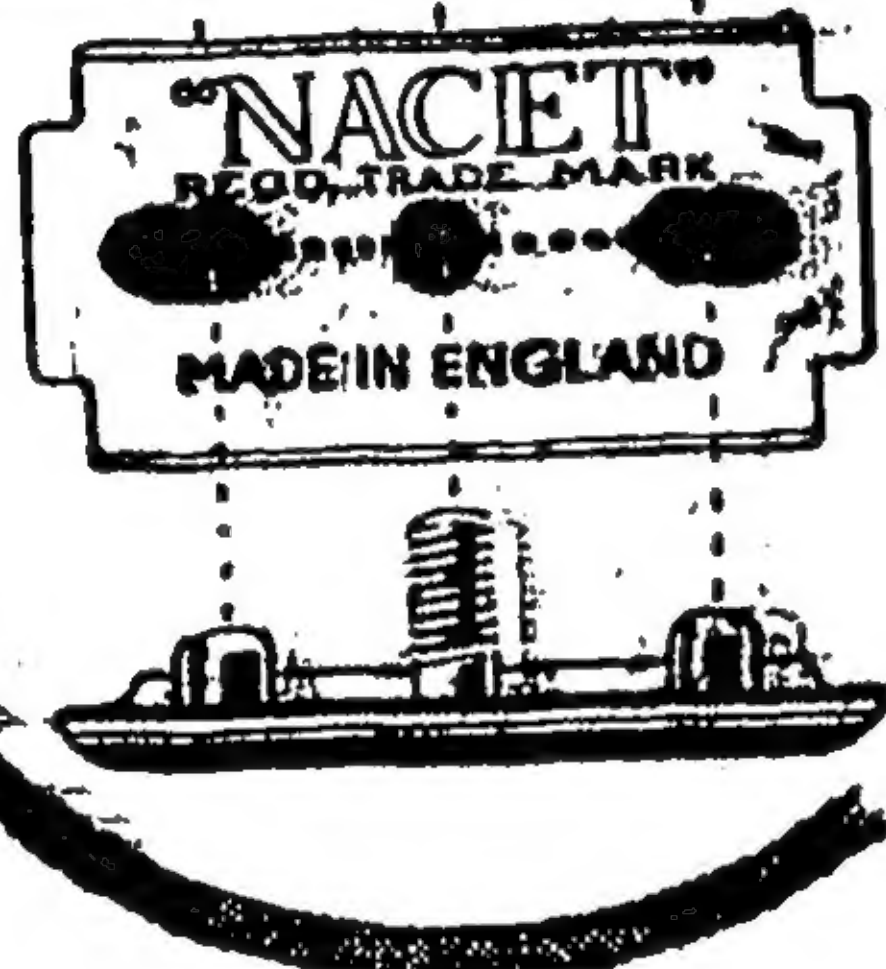
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JAPAN SENDS AXIS GOODS VIA RUSSIA

MORE THAN 100,000 tons per month of vital strategic materials are pouring over the Trans-Siberian railway into Russia — and probably from there into blockaded Germany — it was reported by well-informed foreign economic experts in Shanghai.

Unofficial British trade observers declared that the Trans-Siberian rail line has become "one of Hitler's life lines," and Germany's chief means of circumventing the British sea blockade in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

Traffic on the 5,211-mile railway, the world's longest, has recently reached unprecedented levels, and Russian and Japanese steamship lines are working overtime to carry cargo to the Siberian railheads.

Dairen Docks Piled

Docks and warehouses at Dairen, principal port of entry for Manchukuo, and at Vladivostok, Far Eastern terminus of the railroad, are piled to overflowing with goods waiting rail transit, as are the railway yards and station platforms at Manchouli, near the Manchukuo-Siberian border.

Some of the goods are of American origin; others come from Japan, from South America, from the Philippines and the Netherlands East Indies.

The ostensible destination of these cargoes is Russia, but both American and British traders believe that most of them are eventually delivered to Germany.

German commercial agents are active throughout the Far East, working openly through government purchasing boards, or secretly through camouflaged companies and neutral go-betweens. Their purpose is to obtain materials needed to feed and clothe Germany's fighting forces, and, to a lesser extent, to supply Germany's war machine.

Export Licensing Working

Until recently, German agents were successful in purchasing important supplies from America through the medium of Chinese and Japanese agents in Shanghai, and even obtained some goods from parts of the British empire.

This trade has now been sharply reduced through enforcement of the American export licensing system and through the vigilance of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare.

But Germany is still obtaining considerable quantities of goods in the Far East, chiefly with the assistance of Japan, which thus fulfills her economic obligations under the Axis alliance.

Attention was first called to the Vladivostok blockade leak by British government representatives in Washington. The extent and importance of this trade can now be reported through information gathered by the Associated Press in reliable foreign trade quarters.

Wanted 50,000 Tons

Authoritative informants state that Germany had counted on obtaining 50,000 tons of goods monthly through Vladivostok and had made arrangements with Soviet authorities to purchase that amount.

However, the German trade network, centred in Japan and in Shanghai, has worked so smoothly and efficiently that Germany is now getting double the anticipated amount of supplies. These figures are based on the belief that most of the Trans-Siberian traffic goes to Germany. Part of the shipments consist of American goods not on the export licensing list.

The largest single cargo to date was 138,000 bales of American cotton shipped from gulf ports to Vladivostok, in transit, in 54-bale lots, each of which filled one railway car. It was purchased by Amtorg, the Soviet trade corporation, in New York.

Experts doubt that the Soviet had any domestic use for this cotton, the finest quality produced anywhere in the world, and the most expensive. They point out

that Russia grows sufficient cotton for its own needs, and has even been an exporter in the past.

Big Copra Shipment

Another important recent shipment through Shanghai was 500 tons of copra, plus a large amount of coconut oil. The copra, which is used in the manufacture of munitions, was brought to Shanghai on an American ship from the Philippines early in March and immediately transhipped to Dairen. This was the latest of several similar shipments.

A few weeks ago 50,000 pounds of crude rubber were purchased in Manila by a Shanghai Chinese firm. The origin of the rubber was believed to be either Malaya or the Netherlands East Indies. From Shanghai it was shipped to Dairen in transit to Russia.

Commercial observers believe that Russia either delivered the rubber directly to Germany, or released an equivalent amount from its own stocks. It is reported that Japan has made a similar arrangement with regard to the rubber it has obtained through military and economic pressure on French Indo-China.

The Trans-Siberian railway is now carrying Java sugar from the Netherlands East Indies, purchased through Japan; American copper wire from Shanghai; sugar from Peru; cotton from Brazil; Chinese tea, tungsten and tung oil; American animal fats and a score of other products from a dozen countries. —Associated Press.

FEWER IN GAOL

Britain in war-time is better behaved than it was in peace time.

There are fewer people in the prisons, and fewer offenders are being brought before the courts for criminal offences.

Moreover, some of the convicts who were released from prison in the early days of the war—before the expiration of their sentences—have made good in the army and have become first-class soldiers.

The only classes of offenders who are increasing in numbers are juveniles.

EXPERT IN LOVE ASKS AID

Famous throughout the United States as "The Voice of Experience," Mr. Marion Sayle Taylor earns £37,500 a year telling couples over the radio how peacefully to settle their matrimonial and other domestic differences.

The Voice of Experience has applied to a Hollywood court to end his own matrimonial distress with three wives of his own, former and present.

He is charged by wife No. 2 with having persuaded her to give him a friendly divorce to prevent wife No. 1 from filing an alienation of affections.

Wife No. 2 alleges that the Voice of Experience promised he would remarry her as soon as danger of such a suit had passed.

But instead of remarrying her he married another woman, who became wife No. 3.

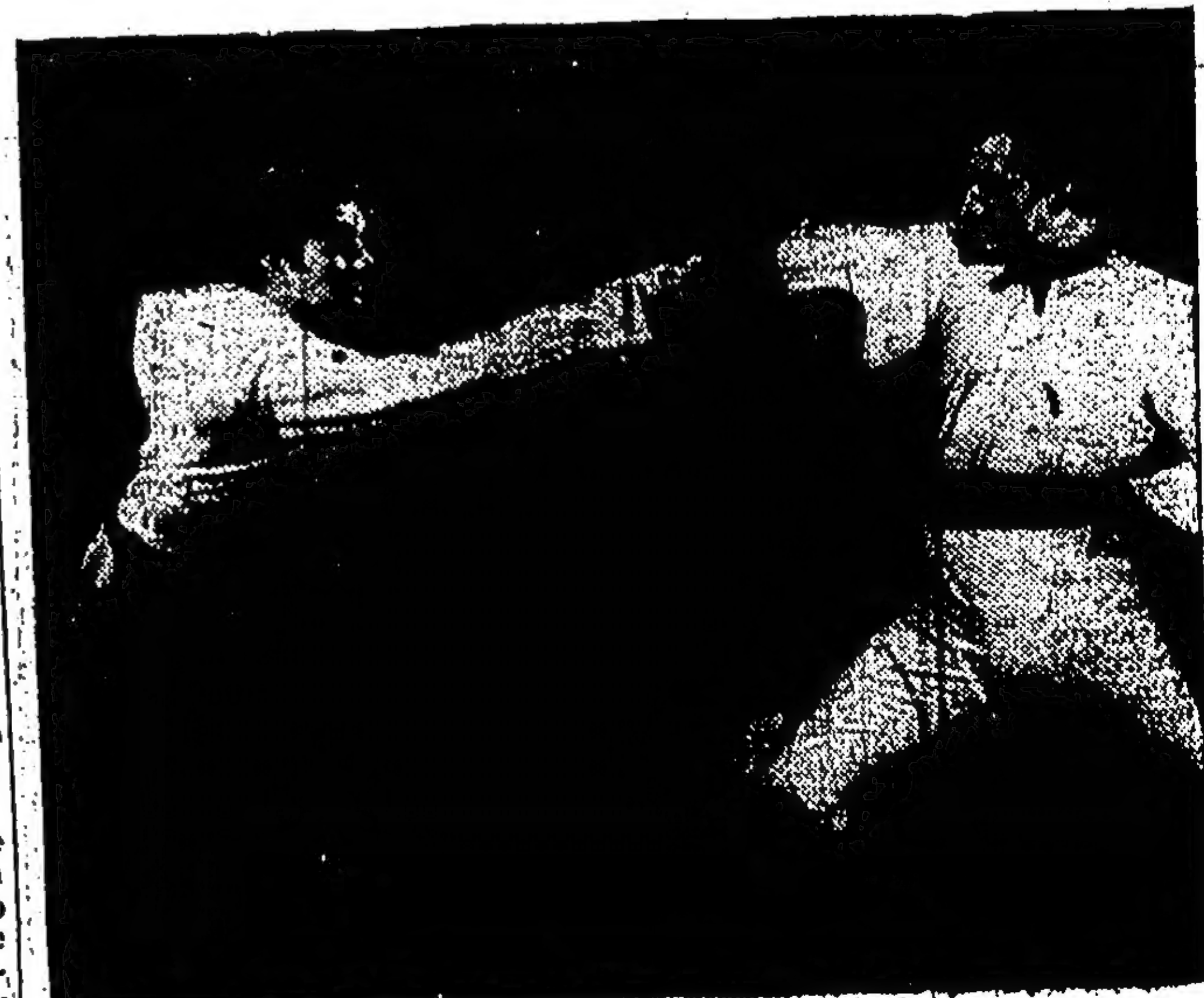
The Voice of Experience denies the charge and is sure he will be "completely vindicated."

WHY PEOPLE SWEAR

SPEAKING AT GLOUCESTER ASSIZES MR. JUSTICE HAWKE SAID HE THOUGHT PEOPLE OFTEN USED BAD LANGUAGE BECAUSE THEY HAD A PAUCITY OF VOCABULARY AND WISHED TO GAIN TIME TO FORM THEIR THOUGHTS.

He was giving judgment in a libel action in which a man alleged that two other men had published a leaflet falsely accusing him of using bad language.

Mr. Justice Hawke said the leaflet was justified and that the language said to have been used by the man making the claim for damages was highly objectionable.



En Garde! Tyrone Power and Basil Rathbone here provide one of many thrilling sequences in "The Mark of Zorro," 20th Century-Fox film, now at the King's Theatre. Cast as the great bandit, Power is starred in the most famous and colourful of all screen roles. Linda Darnell and Rathbone head the supporting cast.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION

From London recently has come the report that officials of the Polish and Czech governments in exile are engaged in what is termed the "first serious effort toward organising post-war Europe along the principles of voluntary cooperation."

Committees have been discussing a plan of Polish-Czech confederation since November and have now, apparently, reached the stage where they are considering the extension of this plan to other nations in central Europe.

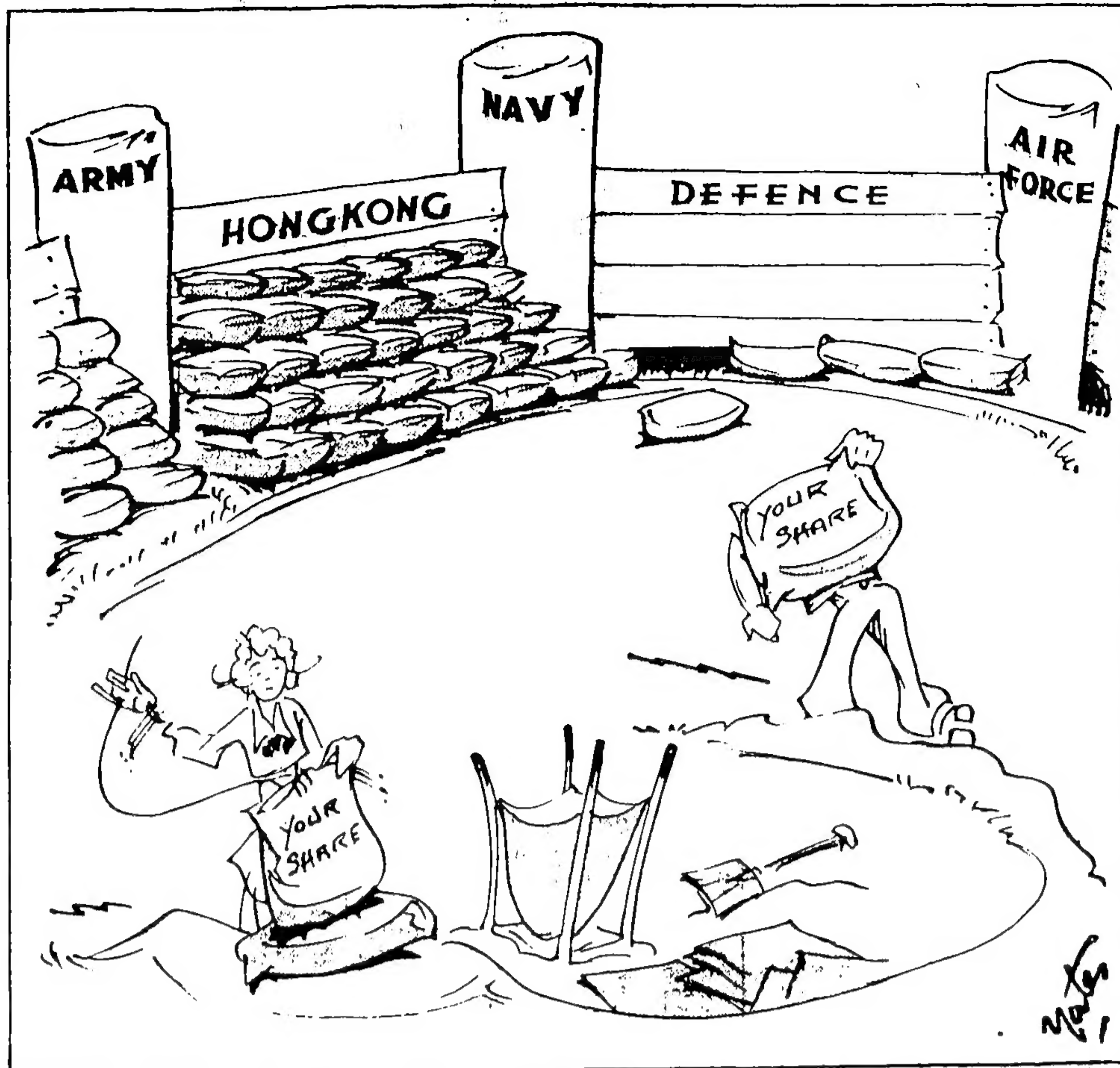
Against the glittering facade of the "new Europe" which Herr Hitler has erected with his planes and tanks, the efforts of the exiled statesmen seem, at first glance, pathetic. They have an idea, an idea which is slowly evolving in London amid the shattering crashes of Nazi bombs that mock their most earnest endeavours.

Hitler, too, has an idea; he dreams of a Europe that shall be tilled like a great estate for the benefit of the conquering German. And he has the force to put his idea into practice — indeed, he has already made his dream horribly real over much of a prostrate Continent.

But to do so he has cozened many of the European states into a game of "beggar my neighbour," which at last has ended with each realising that Hitler has beggared them all. He has played upon the acquisitive instinct with a sure touch, but so ruthlessly that the acquisitive instinct as a basis for statesmanship is quite discredited in every nation but Hitler's own.

The circle of the robbed and the duped is growing wider about the Reich; the area in which a constructive plan for real European confederation would be welcomed is spreading.

Doubtless there is little that can be done with such a plan at present except to lay down general principles of collaboration. But such principles would carry a message of hope to coerced peoples that might well be of extreme importance, even in a military sense, once Germany suffers a major strategic reverse. Battles may not be won with words and ideas, but they are powerful allies in winning a war.



EACH MAN AND WOMAN TO HIS OR HER PART

Democracy Still Reigns

By
Harold J. Laski

Two conferences met recently in England, the contrast between which was, I think, of extraordinary interest. The first was called the People's Convention, and its real inspiration was the Communist Party. It explained the need for a People's Government, it insisted that there must be an alliance with the Soviet Union, and it demanded a large number of drastic social reforms. But the key to its whole attitude was the argument that if a People's Government were to offer the German people a peace without annexation or indemnities they would desert Hitler, and we could at long last enter the promised land. It was very interesting to hear this view put forward by Communist leaders like Palme Dutt and Harry Pollitt. It is less than eighteen months since they were protesting passionately against appeasement. It is less than eighteen months, also, since Mr. Pollitt—then the Earl Browder of Great Britain—was warning the Left against "mouthing revolutionary phrases" and explaining that there was no safety for the workers unless Hitler was overthrown. Now, it appears, a "People's Government" can secure something which eighteen years of international agitation in Italy and seven years agitation in Germany have not secured — an organised movement which will break Fascism in pieces.

I do not know what evidence Mr. Dutt and Mr. Pollitt have for their conclusion. Dictatorships usually fall in the aftermath of military defeat—that was true of both Napoleon and of Nicholas II. If the British Government offered such a peace to Hitler, on the facts, it would not only represent a great victory for him; it would be a victory for a man who has never yet kept any agreement he has ever made. That such a peace is possible at once if Nazism is overthrown, and the government which succeeds it agrees to restore to freedom the countries Fascism has conquered is common ground between all parties. I do not understand why Mr. Dutt and Mr. Pollitt imagine that it is otherwise. In the years of appeasement neither of them argued that Fascism, whether in its Italian or German form, could be overthrown unless its military power was broken. Neither of them brought forward a single argument to show that the situation has changed.

The Convention talked at great length of what a "People's Government" would do; but there was

a surprising silence upon the not unimportant problem of how it was to be secured. It cannot be obtained from the House of Commons; the by-elections do not suggest that the extreme left would win even a handful of seats. I believe that Messrs. Dutt and Pollitt, if they were straightforward, would have to tell us frankly that they expect to achieve their aim as Lenin and Trotsky did in 1917. Do they seriously imagine that while English men were fighting one another, Hitler would stand by with folded arms? Both they and Mr. Pritt, an ex-Labour M.P. whose hostility to the official Labour Party gives him the position of Fellow-Traveler No. 1 among British Communists, protested loudly their hatred of Hitler. How they imagine that their policy could have any other result than to present him with an overwhelming victory I do not profess to know. But it is an interesting comment on their loud assertion that democracy is dead in Britain that not only should a conference be held to expose the virtues of revolutionary defeatism, on the Russian model of 1917, as the way to peace, but also, that the organisers should be able to announce a great campaign to win support for their views.

The other conference was at Oxford and was held under the auspices of the National Peace Council, a federation of peace societies, varying from conservative bodies like the League of Nations Union to extreme pacifist organisations like the Peace Pledge Union. The members of the conference were mostly, I think, Liberals or socialists in outlook. The outstanding character of the conference was the complete absence of any word which implied hostility to the German people. Here were some 250 men and women, many of whom had been bombed continuously, all of whom, as social workers, clergymen, teachers, had come into grim contact with the results of bombing, and the one assurance for which they were searching was that there should be no attempt to punish the German masses for the sins of their rulers. That was, I thought, a heartening spectacle.

To all of them, too, it was clear that the military defeat of Germany was not enough; they wanted a programme for victory which was related to the making of a better social and international order. I was particularly im-

pressed by the immense importance most of the speakers attached to American cooperation in building the post-war world; and not least to the further fact that they stated again and again that the only way in which we could fairly expect American cooperation was by proving that we had begun that task of building a better world as the proof that we deserved what contribution American idealism can bring.

The attitude of almost everyone there was extraordinarily moving in its understanding of two things. The first was the immense importance they attached to civil and religious freedom; the second was their emphasis that neither of these was attainable without economic security and an increasing standard of life for the masses. It would be inaccurate to say that there was agreement about ways and means; the pacifist societies, in war as in peace, have each their special nostrum to expound, and each is a little amazed that it does not appear obvious to the others. But I wish I could convey in words the intensity of the general conviction this important body of social workers displayed that the vital business of this generation is to remake the ethical foundations of our civilisation, and their sense that the task is primarily one of remaking economic foundations. "We all agree" said the Chairman, a distinguished Nonconformist clergyman, "that the key to international peace is social justice."

I remark, too, that such conferences as these could to-day—it is a fact as lamentable as it is significant—only be held in British-speaking countries. No doubt there is much that is wrong with their social and economic life. But I confess that the spectacle, in war-time, whether in the quasi-Communist Conference in London, or the Peace Societies in Oxford, of some two thousand men and women able to discuss first principles, determined to criticise the War Cabinet, insistent on laying bare every error and crime of their country's policy, and assuming that this examination is an inescapable obligation—that is a heartening spectacle. It is evidence of a vital kind that public opinion is a living thing, that citizenship means, for these people, something more than the passive acceptance of orders from their rulers. So long as this temper prevails, so long the reality of British democracy is, I think, beyond the power even of ex-Ambassador Kennedy to deny.

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STORM OVER HESS' ADVICE TO GIRLS

1,000 "LOVE CHILDREN" A WEEK

SCORES OF THOUSANDS of devout German mothers are reviling the name of Herr Rudolph Hess, Hitler's deputy, for bringing dishonour and shame on their households.

For the vicious harvest is now coming home of the iniquitous policy which he urged a year ago on the members of the Girls' Branch of the Hitler Youth Service.

On that occasion he pleaded with them to "keep alive the German race" by becoming the mothers of German soldiers' children without troubling to go through the formality of marriage.

With the aid of his eloquence he succeeded in persuading some scores of thousands of them that by having "love children" they would be doing something noble in the service of the nation.

He himself offered to become the godfather of every child that was born to an unmarried mother. And now they are being born at the rate of 1,000 a week!

But not to happy girls who feel that they are gaining patriotic inspiration from their experience. The girls to-day are miserable and disillusioned. They are discovering that many of the soldiers who obeyed the call of Herr Hess were men with wives elsewhere in Germany, men of whom they have not heard a word since they offered themselves as sacrifices in the cause of Hess's policy.

Many of them are having to go into workhouses for their children to be born. Thousands of them have been disowned by their own parents.

Many of them are penniless, having had to give up their employment in the factories and on the farms.

Their children, they know, will be taken care of in Nazi State orphanages after their own ordeal is over. But they are realising now, in many cases, that their prospects of real marriage at some time in the future are blighted.

Feeling Of Shame

But it is the mothers of these unmarried mothers who are feeling the sadness of the situation most seriously. In the majority of cases they are good, God-fearing women, members of the Mothers' Union belonging to their church.

And they feel that an ineradicable shame has cast its shadow over their households.

They are protesting to their priests and pastors, and the churches are protesting to Hitler.

Although they realise that the harm that has already been done cannot be undone, they are pleading with the Fuehrer to disown Hess's policy and to

restore the institution of marriage to the position of sanctity and honour which it held in the minds of the German people before Hess's programme of pollution was introduced.

Unless Hitler agrees, the thousands of devout Catholic mothers who are now cursing his deputy will begin to curse him as well.

GREEK LEPERS AID WAR PUSH

Lepers have joined in the Greek war effort. Unable to offer their lives in the firing line, they have decided as their contribution to sacrifice a day's food allowance each month.

A letter received by the Athens Central Welfare Organisation from the small leper colony on Spinalonga Island, near Crete, says:

"We are living without future hope, but our spirit surviving our diseased bodies is Greek, and so are our hearts. We are Greece's children hearing our mother calling."

"Fate does not allow us to go to the front, where our country most needed us."

Money From Singing

"In this great sacred struggle for Motherland the only thing we can do is to offer one day's food allowance per month until the end of the war. Our daily allowance is forty drachmae per person."

"We also enclose 875 drachmae collected from carol singing."

"We feel most sorry we cannot give our blood for our country."

TO FIGHT HITLER

Egon L. Hanfstaengl, a German, who enlisted in the United States Army in order to prepare to combat "Hitler barbarism," boarded a train at a southern army base carrying the keys of his Munich home, which the Nazis confiscated.

"It was a beautiful house and the keys are a constant reminder of its fate," he said. "I carry them so that when the day comes I can smash the heads of the Gesapo who took it."

STOLEN MESSERSCHMIDT

HUN DEBT TO A THIEF

GERMANY OWES her best fighter plane, the Messerschmidt 110, to plans stolen from the French before the war.

This was revealed by a Free French officer in London, concerned in initial experiments with the French machine.

The ME 110 is, he says, designed from the plans of the French Potez 63 fighter-bomber, which came into being two years before the ME, and the only essential difference is the greater speed of the Nazi machine, not surprising, since it is later.

Cannon Experiments

The ME 110 is a three-seater, as was the Potez 63. It has the same crew arrangements, the same arrangement and position of the fuselage and wings. The tail, spin and position of the engine

are the same. The depth of the wing is slightly larger in the centre section.

"In fact, the general dimensions and plans are exactly the same within 1 per cent," he said.

The ME 110 introduced cannon, but this was foreseen in the plans for the Potez, in which experiments were made with two cannon instead of machine-guns.

The Potez fighter-bomber had four machine-guns, and so has the ME 110 fighter-bomber.

The plans of the Potez 63 were stolen from the aircraft works where the machines were being manufactured.

ART GEMS BOUGHT BY POST

Air raids have started a flourishing new "mail order" business in antiques, jewels, stamps and rare books. Collectors are "bidding" by post at the West End sale-rooms.

Last week 1,500 postal commissions were received by a Bond Street firm for 541 lots.

Dealers are buying heavily for export to America. Nearly 80 per cent. of the plate sold under the hammer goes to the U.S.A. Thousands of pounds worth of pictures and manuscripts are being sent across the Atlantic.

Brisk bidding and high prices have returned after months of wartime slump.

But no one wants the antique furniture for which dealers and private collectors once strove to outbid each other.

A representative of Sotheby's, New Bond Street, told a reporter: "We had lots which were withdrawn from the summer sales because they did not reach the prices we had fixed for them. Now they have been sold for much more than the prices we then expected."

WAR JOB FOR 1,000 CATS

A THOUSAND KITTENS ARE TO BE RECRUITED TO HELP WIN THE WAR. SO MANY CATS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED OR EVACUATED FROM LONDON THAT RATS AND MICE ARE MULTIPLYING EVERYWHERE.

That's why, in the situations vacant column, this "want ad." appeared in a London newspaper: "Wanted, 1,000 male kittens."

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BRITISH "SPY" WANTED DUEL OVER A GIRL

(By O. D. Gallagher)

IF ELEGANT, care-free William Olaf de Wet, twenty-eight-year-old Briton, is a spy, then I am a Japanese. A German People's Court, it was announced in Berlin, sentenced de Wet to death last month for spying for France. The sentence had not yet been carried out, it was added.

I knew de Wet well. He was one of a small group of adventure-seekers whom I came across in one war city after another — Addis Ababa, Barcelona, Shanghai, Madrid.

In Addis Ababa in 1935 he appointed me his second for a duel. It happened in this way.

About fifty whites and moneyed Abyssinians were lined up on high stools at the bar of Mon Cne, a bar-cum-cinema run by a Greek.

A captain of the Belgian Military Mission attached to the Emperor of Abyssinia sat on one of the stools beside a liquid-eyed, honey-coloured, half-caste girl.

Ordered Off

When the Belgian left his stool de Wet took it and began talking to the girl.

The Belgian returned and peremptorily ordered de Wet to buzz off.

"I beg your pardon," said de Wet, looking down his aristocratic nose and over his bristling cavalryman's moustaches. "Who are you?"

In anger the Belgian slapped de Wet's face with his leather glove and shouted: "That is who I am."

De Wet clicked his heels, bowed slightly, and said: "You will hear from me M. le capitaine."

He came to me and said: "I will have a duel with him tomorrow morning. Will you be my second?"

"All right," I replied, treating it as a joke. "You can't use a sword, can you? No. Well, is it going to be pistols?"

It was to be pistols, and I had the job of finding a pair. Six a.m. was the time fixed, and when Mon Cne closed at four a.m. I met a countryman of mine — a South African — who said: "You'd never guess, but the Belgian's appointed me his second."

We decided that if the duel took place the Belgian would kill de Wet. So we planned for them to fight with their fists — if they still felt like fighting at all at six a.m.

Shipped Home

The Belgian turned up — and at 10 a.m. we heard that de Wet was

in protective custody at the British Consulate.

A couple of days later we heard that he had been shipped home as a "D.B.S." (deserted British seaman).

The next war city that attracted him was Barcelona and, in 1938, he turned up in Prague.

He threw staggering parties and, it is said, married a White Russian countess.

He was still in Prague when the Nazis took it. Now he awaits the headman's axe.

For spying? No, not de Wet. He and spies have only one thing in common — courage. He was too fond of personal publicity, in a not unpleasant way, to be a spy. He was an incorrigible romanticist.

GREW OWN TOBACCO: FINED

Lanarkshire has produced some really keen allotment-holders. Some cultivated as much as three rods of ground.

But now the secret has been disclosed in court. A Scot, an Irishman, and eight Lithuanians were fined £22 each at Airdrie in the first prosecution of its kind.

They admitted having grown tobacco without a Government licence, and without the land having been approved by the Customs and Excise.

Smoked in The Bath

Said the prosecutor: "Some of these men have become so efficient in the cultivation and culture of the plant that they smoke it continually the whole day long. They even smoke it while in their baths." The quality was not bad at all.

The sheriff reminded the men that each was liable to a fine of £50.

GERMANS PLAN 'SHOW TRIAL'

An elaborate German "show trial," to be held after the war in an effort to reveal a world-wide Jewish-Masonic plot to kill many high Nazi leaders, is being organised by Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Gestapo (secret police), it was reported in Vichy.

Chief figure of the contemplated trial is Herschel Grynszpan, 19-year-old Polish Jew whose assassination of a minor German diplomat in Paris ten months before the start of the war touched off Germany's unprecedented anti-Jewish reprisals of November, 1938.

Grynszpan, now in prison in Berlin, broke into the German Embassy in Paris and killed Baron Ernst vom Rath, third secretary, who received a Sate "martyr's" funeral in Germany and bitter Nazi reprisals including a huge fine against Germany's Jews.

Report from Germany mentioned the name of Mayor La Guardia of New York in connection with the contemplated trial, but it was not revealed what connection the Mayor — frequent target of German attacks allegedly had with Grynszpan's crime and the purported international plot.

OPIUM MEN FINED

The police are now getting a grip on opium smoking in Liverpool, it was stated, when five Chinese seamen were fined at Liverpool for opium offences at a boarding-house in Nelson Street. Low Ah-keng, aged 29, one of the men, told the court that had he not smoked opium he would have been in the grave by now.

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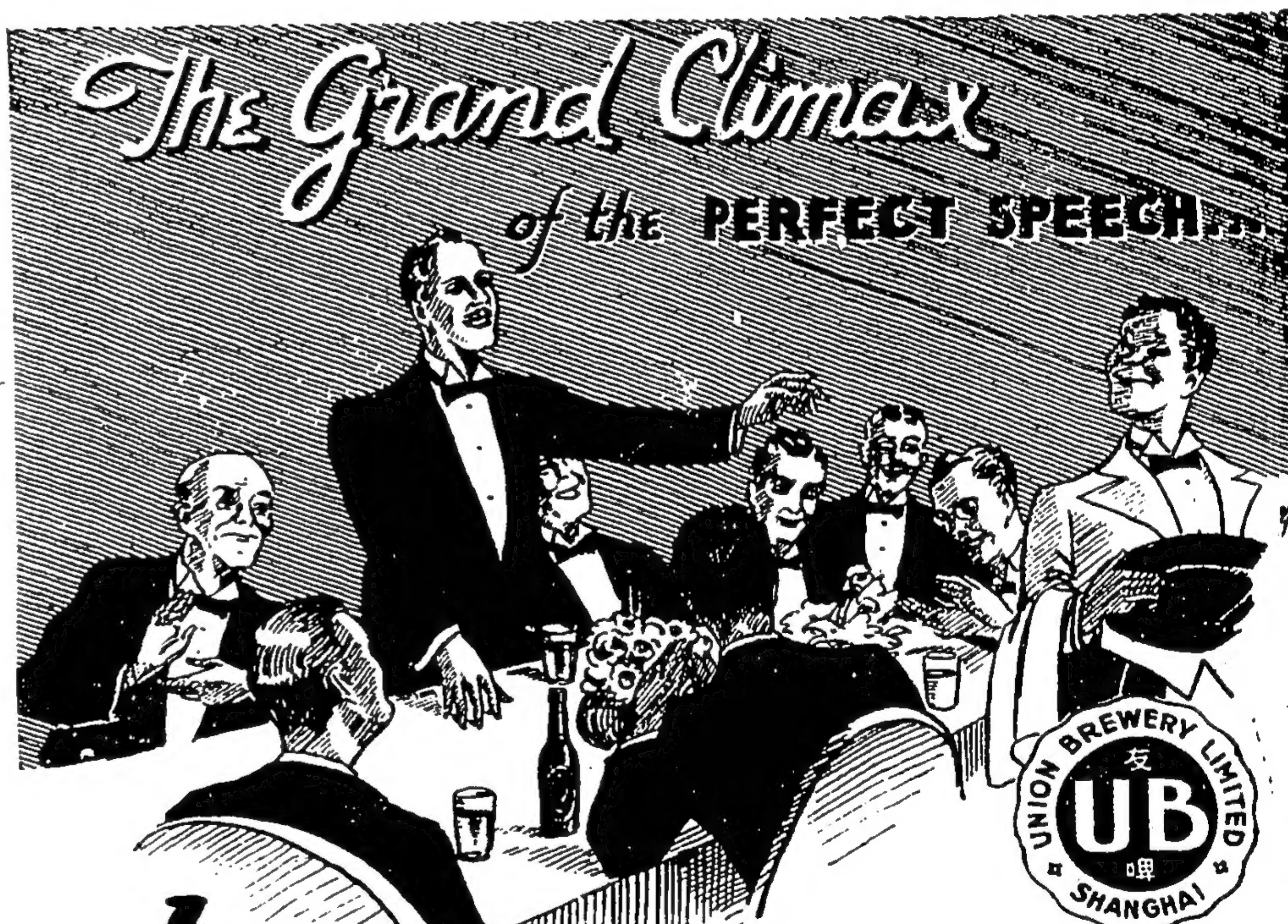
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The THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on TUESDAY, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
24th March, 1941.

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The First Bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on both days.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 9.45 a.m. on both days.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th April, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 26th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 17th April, 1941.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th April, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Bridge Swindles — No. 34

By The Four Aces

To-day's Bridge Swindle is as neat a bit of chicanery as we've seen in many a long day:

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ Q 10 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K 8 2
♣ 8 6 3

♠ 7 4
♥ 8 5 4 2
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ A J 9

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♠ 6 3
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ 9 7 6 5
♣ K Q 7

♠ A K J 8 5
♥ K
♦ A 4
♣ 10 5 4 2

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of diamonds, and South indulged in a moment's thought before he played the first card from the dummy. Was there any chance, he wondered, of getting the King of hearts through without the loss of a heart trick? Certainly, if he lost a heart trick the jig was up. The enemy would surely shift to clubs and defeat the contract before he could get discards on dummy's hearts. How could he talk them out of it?

In much less time than it takes to report, the solution dawned upon him. He played a low diamond from the dummy, and then casually played a low diamond from his own hand! West naturally assumed that his partner had the Ace of diamonds, so continued with the Jack of diamonds; and much to everyone's amazement, South turned up with the diamond Ace.

Declarer next cashed the spade Ace and led a small trump to dummy's ten, thus exhausting trumps. The King of diamonds was then led from dummy, and South discarded the King of hearts! The next lead from the dummy was the Queen of hearts, and East was helpless. Whether he covered with his Ace or played a low heart, South was sure to get two club discards. South therefore lost only one diamond and two clubs instead of one heart and three clubs.

Saturday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 10 5 3
♥ 7 2
♦ Q 10 4
♣ A Q 9

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Male
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid two spades. You have very little more than a minimum opening bid and cannot afford to make the strong rebid of two 'no-trump', or any other strong rebid for that matter. If partner cannot keep going, there should be no game in the hand.

Score 100% for two spades, 40% for two no-trump.

Question No. 689

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Major
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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RADIO

MONDAY— MONDAY
12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Primo Scala's Piano Accordion Band.

You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret (De Murela & Others); In The Mountains of the Moon (Roberts & Others); Go To It! (from 'Musie while you work'); When Shall We Two Meet Again (Kennedy & Others); Whoops We Go Again (Harvey).

12.45 p.m.—Community Singing.

Let's All Join The Chorus With Tommy Handley and His Pals—In: Daisy Bell; Don't dilly dally on the way; Nellie Dean; Oh, you beautiful Doll; The Spaniard that blighted my life; Hello, Hello, who's your lady friend; At Trinity Church; Lily of Laguna; The Man who broke the Bank; Knees up Mother Brown; Tommy Handley and His Pals with Orch.

Let's All Sing Like The Birdies Sing: She was One of The Early Birds; In The Shade of The Old Apple Tree; The Chestnut Tree. The Audience of the Paramount Theatre, London, led by Al Bollington at the Organ.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—A Victor Herbert Programme.

Kiss Me Again, Gypsy Love Song (Albert Sandler The Sweethearts (from 'The Life of Victor Herbert') Allan Jones (Vocal) with Orch. Al Fresco Intermezzo from 'It Happened in Noidland'; Fleurette; Harry Horlock & His Orchestra Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life (from 'Naughty Marietta') Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) and Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra. Habanera and Vaguer's Song (from 'Natale') Harry Horlock & His Orchestra. Thine Alone (Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra. Air De Ballet Harry Horlock & His Orchestra. When You're Away (Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Schubert—Quintet in A Major ("Trout"), Op. 114. Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano), Mangeot (Violin), Howard (Viola), Withers (Cello) and Hobday (Double-Bass).

2.15 p.m.—Close down

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Swing Fox-Trots—Smoke Gets In Your Eyes, Night and Day. Tommy Dorsey & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Angels with dirty faces; Between a Kiss and a Sigh. Tommy Dorsey & His Orchestra. Quickstep Light Up Your Face With A Smile. Wally Bishop & His Band. Waltzes—Lover, Your Smiles, Your Tears. Harry Horlock & His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—When June Comes. Slow Fox-Trot—Rainbow Valley. Joe Loss & His Band.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Working Together'.

7.30 p.m.—Hill Billy Music.

The Strawberry Roan (Fletcher & Others); The Lonesome Trail Ain't Lonesome Any More (Trafford); Big Bill Campbell and His Hill Billy Band with Vocal Chorus. Hill Billy Songs—Medley. Intro: Open up dem Pearly Gates; Will the Angels Play Their Harps; Casey Jones; Bury Me Not on the Lone Prairie; Hallelujah, I'm a Bum; Barnacle Bill; Why Did I Get Married; Naw, I don't Wanna be Rich; Cowgirl's Prayer; Hand Me Down My Walking Cane. Carson Robison & His Pioneers. All Set and Saddles; The Oregon Trail. Tex Morton (The Yodelling Boundary Rider) with His Guitar.

7.50 p.m.—Al Bollington at the Organ. Lionel Monckton. Melodies—Intro: Moonstruck; Arcady is ever young; It's the Drum; Come to the Ball. A Country Girl—Finale Act. 1. Speak to Me of Love—Intro: Love's last word is spoken. Escapade (A Mexican Elopement).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—This Week's Programmes.

8.05 p.m.—The Elmer Piano Ensemble. Dinah (Akst).

Lazy Bones (Mercer & Carmichael). Rollin' Home (De Rose).

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Hi, Gang!'

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Selections from Grand Opera.

Tannhauser—Overture (Wagner)... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates. Lohengrin's Farewell (from 'Lohengrin'—Wagner)... Alfred Piccaver (Tenor) with Orch. Elizabeth's Prayer (from 'Tannhauser') (Wagner)... Maria Jeritza (Soprano) with Orchestra. Your tiny hand is frozen (from 'La Boheme'—Puccini)... All hail, thou dwelling pure and lowly (Faust—Gounod)... Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News from 'Home' by Howard Marshall.

10.15 p.m.—Tofolkowsky—Trio in A Minor, Op. 50.

1st Mov: Pezzo elegiaco (Moderato assai-Allegro-giusto); 2nd Mov: A. tema con Variazioni-Finale e Coda (Allegro risoluto e con fuceto-Andante con moto-Lugubre)... Hephzibah and Yehudi Menuhin (Piano & Violin) and Maurice Eisenberg (Cello).

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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Some of the residents in the town have been buying fruit from the earl's own stall as long as they can remember.

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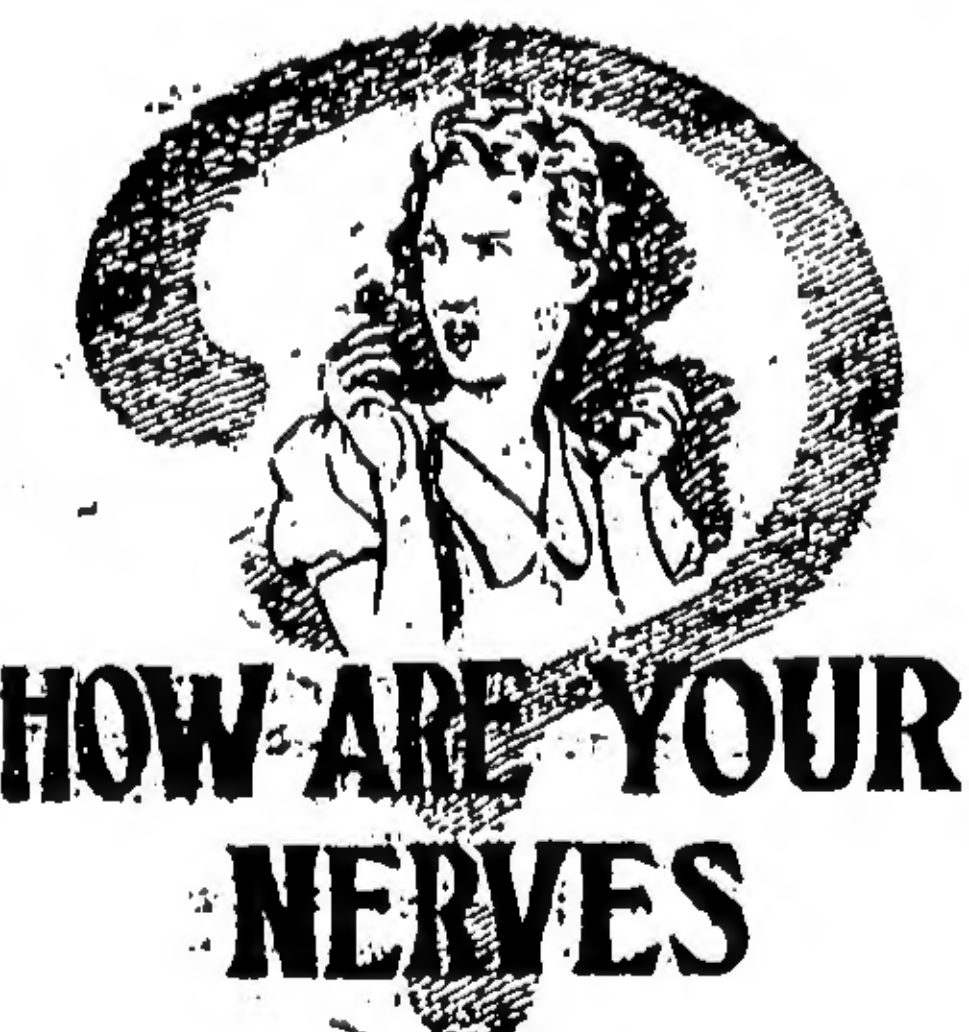
A pilot officer of the R.A.F., Mr. Sidney Guy Rodd, of Cottesmore, Rutland, was awarded £1,000 damages against the co-respondent, in the Divorce Court when Mr. Justice Henn Collins granted him a decree nisi for divorce from his wife, Eulalia Mary Olga (nee Bullivant) on the ground of her adultery with Mr. Reynalt Bernard Capes.

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Later she confessed that she was in love with Mr. Capes, and he learnt that they had stayed together at an hotel in Woburn-place, London, W.C.

Mrs. Rodd had interests in common with her husband, and was herself a pilot. They used to fly together before he became a flying officer.

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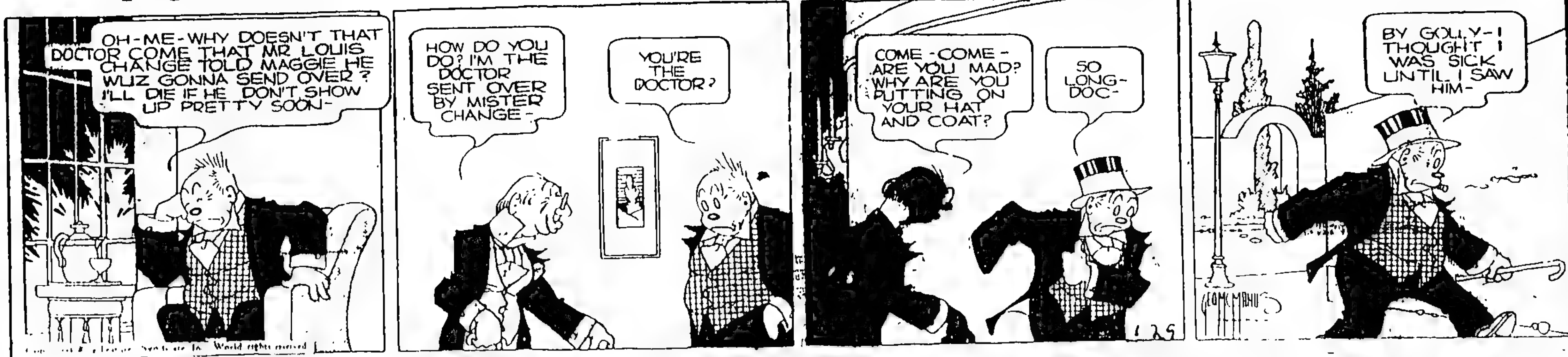
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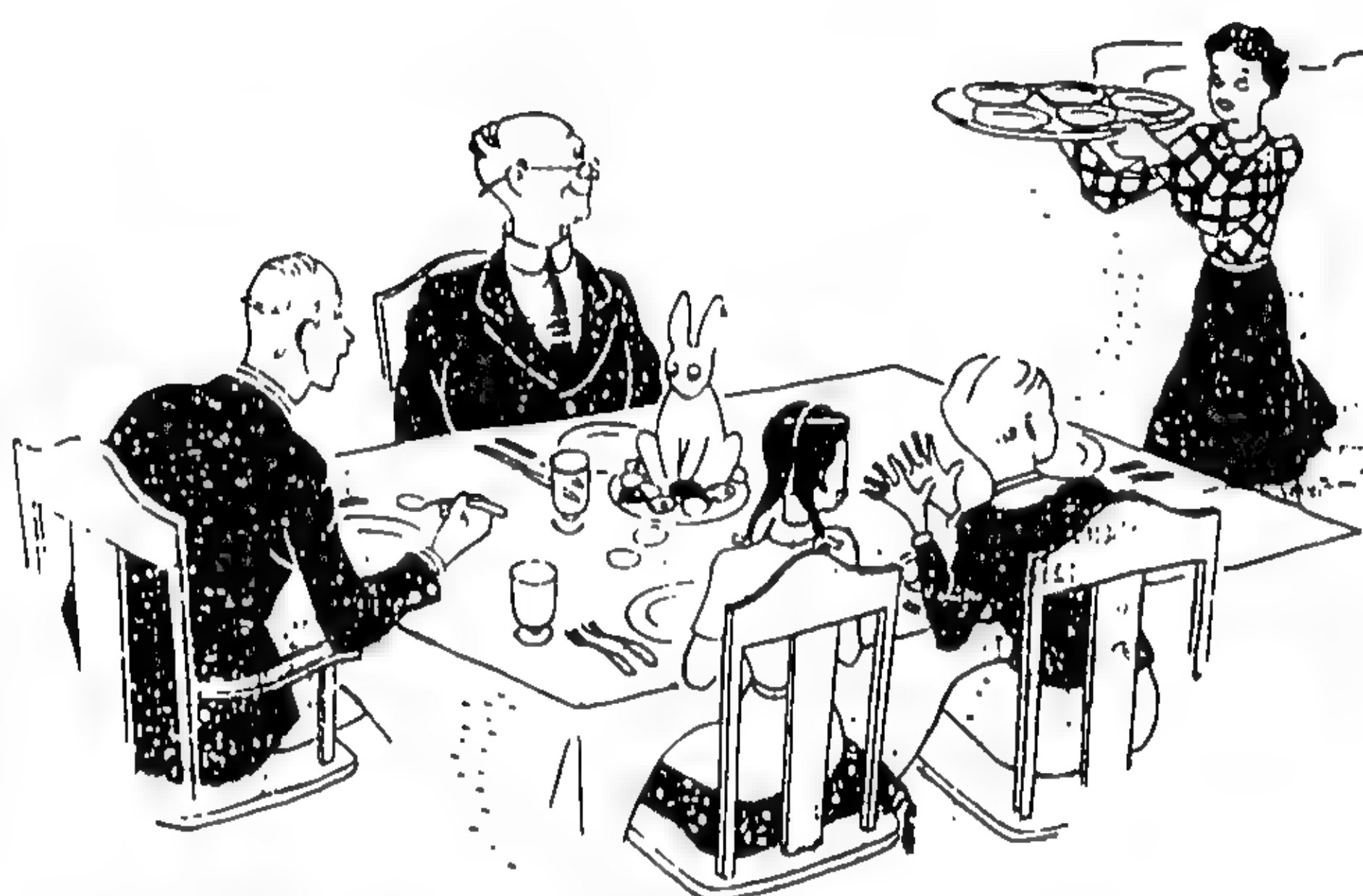


A PAGE FOR WOMEN This Easter Dinner Parades A New Dish For Its Meat Course

by Dorothy Greig

Graham, who always seized upon any excuse for adding a special touch to a meal, would say, "Easter, the dawn of the year, when new things are budding from the tulips in my garden to young love among the boys and girls. So what more appropriate time to mount a new idea of dinner. Whereupon a new dish or two would make them appear as if they had increased the light heartedness of Easter dinner of Graham."

I thought of that the other day when a big ham or a whole one. Instead of the usual baked ham or roast for Easter Monday dinner, why not a great deep dish filled with a layer of diced pink ham and tender cubed chicken meat blended with heavy cream and condensed cream of mushroom soup, and capped proudly with boiled mushrooms. Ham, chicken, mushrooms—three flavors, each one delicious in itself and of what savory goodness when mingled!



A menu planned around this casserole dish might be this:
Hot Bouillon with Onion-Parmesan Rings
Casserole of Chicken and Ham

with Broiled Mushroom Top
Parsley Potatoes
Broccoli with Lemon Butter
Hot Cornbread
Tossed Green Salad
Chocolate Mocha Cake with Cream Custard Filling
Coffee

The instructions for making the casserole are:

Casserole of Chicken and Ham with Broiled Mushroom Top.

2 cans condensed cream of mushroom soup.

1 cup cream, heavy.

2 cups chicken, cut into 1/2 inch squares.

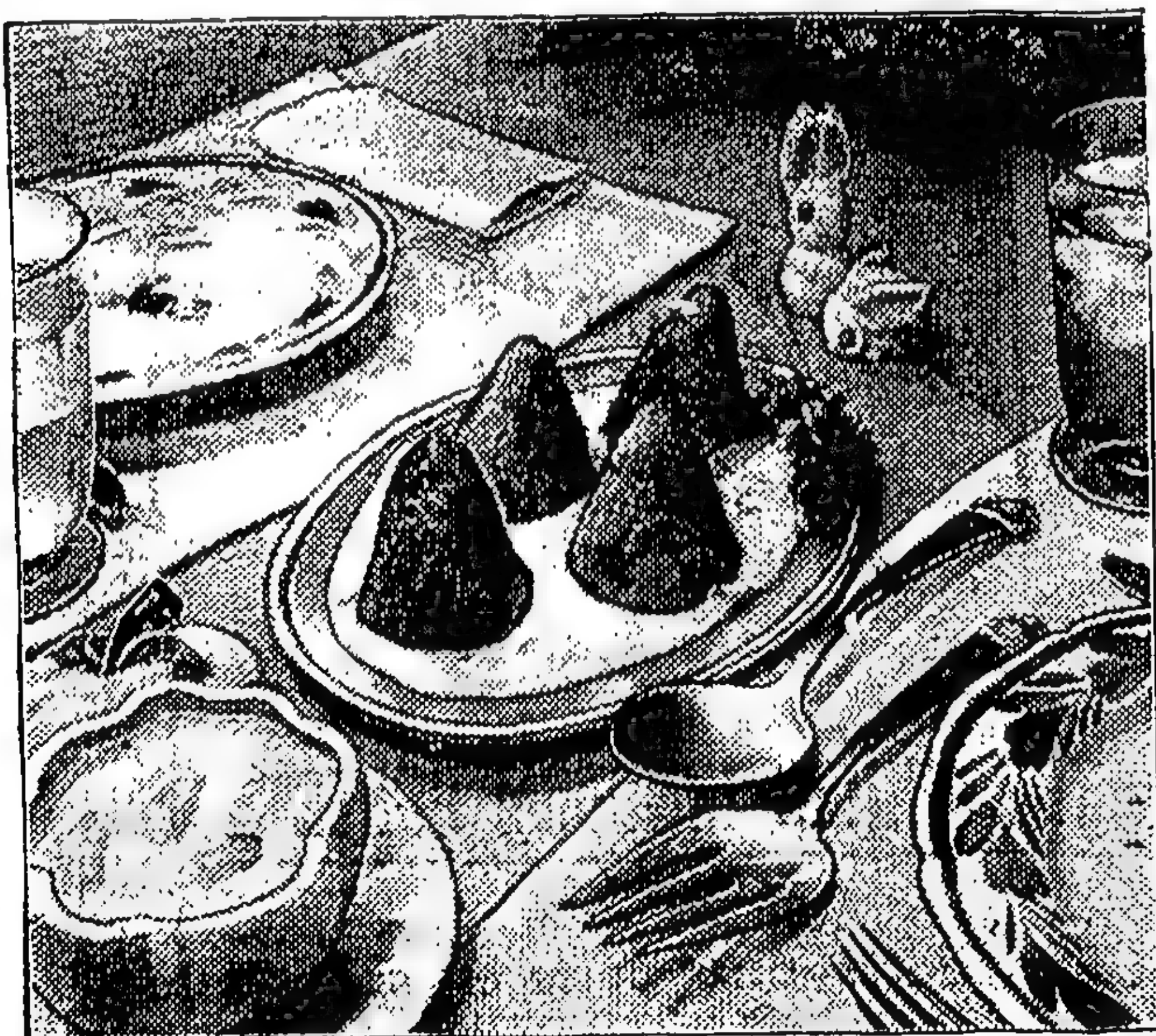
1 cup ham, diced.

2 cups broiled mushrooms for top.

Combine the cream of mushroom soup and cream to make a rich sauce. Add the ham and chicken and put into a casserole. Arrange broiled mushroom caps over the top and bake in a moderately hot oven (375 deg. F.) for 25-35 minutes or until brownish and bubbling. Serves 6-8.

A DISH THAT'S PLANNED FOR TWO

by Dorothy Greig



THE new bride on our block was most emphatic. "I certainly am getting tired of recipes that end with 'serves 6'. Why doesn't someone make some recipes for just two?" Why, indeed?

Well, Betty, here is one dish that's meant for two. Not only that, but we've taken an old favorite, chicken croquettes, and shown you how to simplify their making—with condensed cream of mushroom soup. The soup acts as a binder and also makes a sumptuous sauce to serve over them. From this quantity you can form either two big round croquettes or four small neat ones—just enough for a twosome family.

Chicken Croquettes with Mushroom Sauce.
1/2 can condensed cream of mushroom soup

2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 1/2 cups chicken, ground fine
Mix the ground chicken and lemon juice into the cream of mushroom soup. Set in refrigerator to chill. Then shape into cylinders, balls or cutlets.
Mixture for Dipping:
Bread crumbs or cracker crumbs
1 egg beaten (with 2 tablespoons water added)

Cover the croquettes with crumbs, then dip into the egg mixture. Then dip in crumbs again. Fry in hot deep fat (365-385° F.) for 2-5 minutes, or until browned. Makes 2 large or 4 small croquettes.

Mushroom Sauce
1/2 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
2 tablespoons milk
Mix the milk into the cream of mushroom soup. Heat and serve this sauce with the croquettes.



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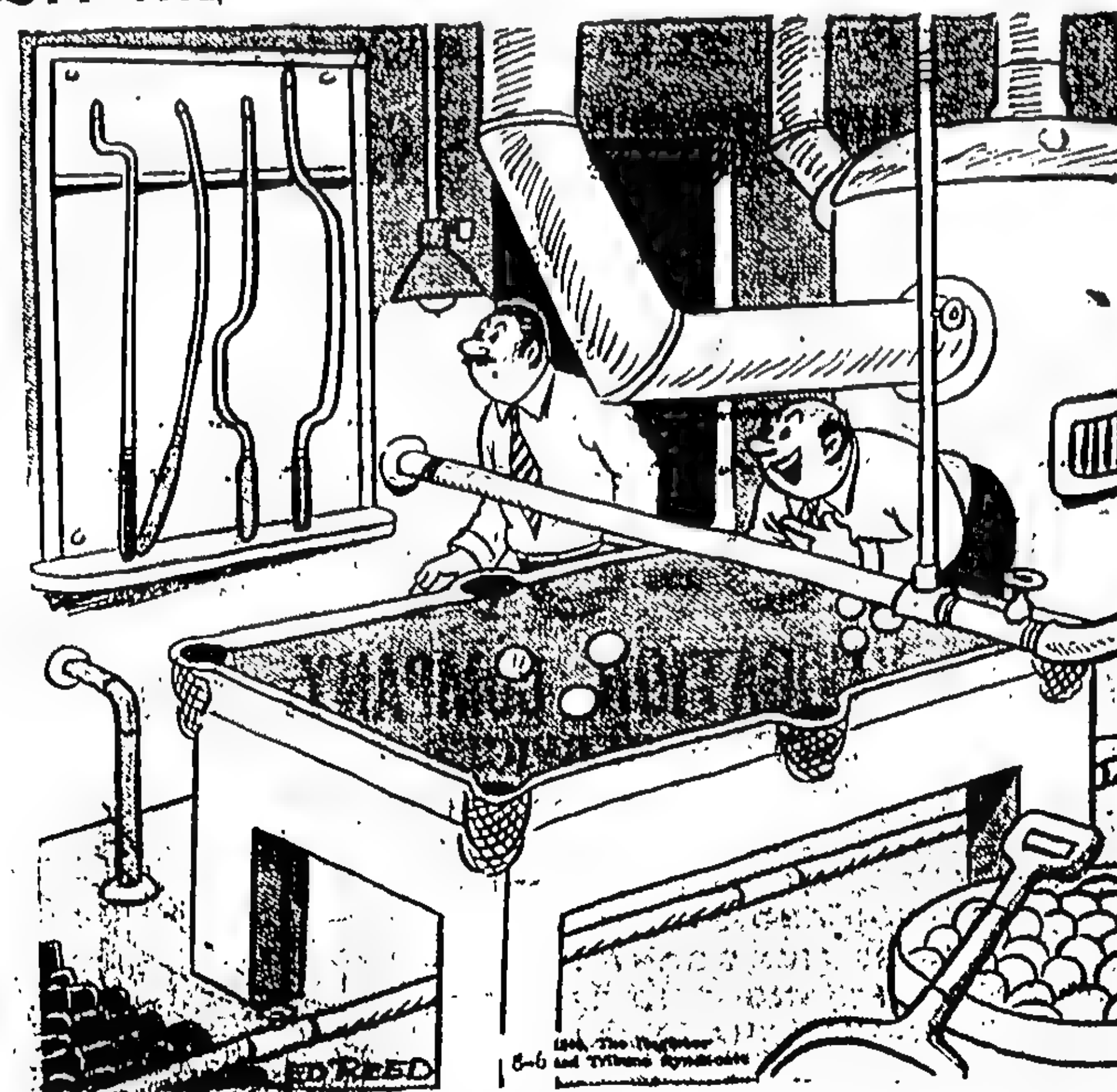
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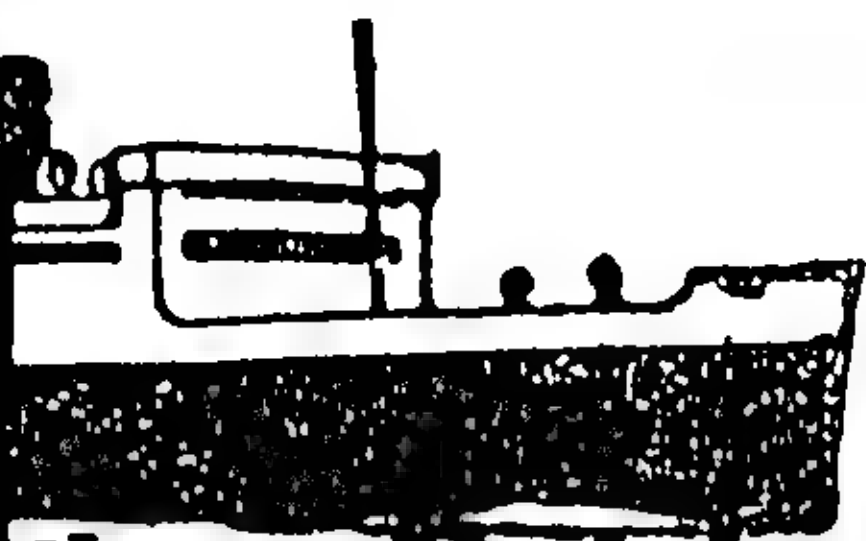
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NURSE SANG AS BOMBS FELL

At the height of an air raid, when a first-aid post was being dive-bombed, a nurse went from cot to cot and stretcher to stretcher signing cheerfully as she attended the patients.

This incident during a heavy raid on Sheffield was mentioned in a report to the city council by Councilor W. Ashbury, chairman of Sheffield Emergency Committee.

"Her coolness and courage were outstanding and of great value in maintaining the morale of the injured," he says.

The report tells of many acts of heroism by Civil Defence workers.

When a bomb exploded and buried a first-aid party, he says, one of the party protected a patient by throwing himself over the patient's body, and was killed by falling masonry.

A warden worked under debris for hours to rescue four people. Another warden made a tunnel into a cellar under a fractured and blazing gas main, burrowing with his hand to rescue five people.

SHE DROVE HUSBAND OUT OF A.R.P.

Selfish wives who cannot realise that in wartime the home must sometimes take second place to the call of duty, have an unpatriotic champion in a West Country town.

Because her husband, a part-time A.R.P. volunteer, had refused to carry her complaints about prolonged duty spells to his superior executive, she went herself to tackle the A.R.P. controller.

Her husband, she said, was not to use his own car to travel to duty, but was to be fetched and brought home by a messenger car, and then only at a "red" warning.

He must not do more than four hours duty at a stretch and must be allowed to go home to see she was safe if there was a blitz.

The man had qualified for an important executive post, so the controller tried to please the wife, but she would have no half-measures. The husband faced with an impossible situation, resigned.

CANADIAN'S JOKE NETTED HIM A BRIDE

A group of Canadians in a provincial town visited a store and caused much amusement by trying on women's hair nets.

Miss Elsie Holton, a twenty-year-old shorthand-typist, of Merrow Street, Walworth, was among the customers in the store who enjoyed the joke.

One Canadian returned her smile. That smile began a whirlwind courtship.

And now at St. Peter's Church, Walworth, Miss Holton has been married to the Canadian soldier—twenty-three-year-old Alban Beaudry, of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signallers.



SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES via Honolulu.

Asama Maru	Thursday,	17th Apr.
Tatuta Maru	Tuesday,	6th May
Nitta Maru	Tuesday,	20th May

SEATTLE & VANCOUVER (Starts from Kobe)

Hikawa Maru	Monday,	14th Apr.
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SOUTH AMERICA (WEST COAST) via Hijo &

San Francisco.

*Taketo Maru	Tuesday,	20th May
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(starts from Kobe)

NEW YORK via Japan & Panama

*Azuma Maru	Thursday,	17th Apr.
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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila

Suwa Maru	Saturday,	26th Apr.
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SAIGON

*Matue Maru	Thursday,	24th Apr.
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BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo

Hakone Maru	Sunday,	13th Apr.
*Genoa Maru	Monday,	28th Apr.

RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

*Matue Maru	Thursday,	24th Apr.
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KOBE & YOKOHAMA

*Azuma Maru	Thursday,	17th Apr.
Asama Maru	Thursday,	17th Apr.
Husimi Maru	Tuesday,	22nd Apr.
Tatuta Maru	Tuesday,	6th May

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CONFUSION BAY'S BIG TEST TO-DAY

By "Rapiet"

The main event on to-day's racing programme will be the Easter Stakes, at 1 p.m. Before discussing this important event, which will be contested over a mile, it is of interest to see what the results have been over the past three seasons:

1938 won by Desert Chief (Mr. Encarnacion)

1939 won by Rose Elect (Mr. Encarnacion)

1940 won by Burford (Mr. H. C. Pih) and Confusion Bay (Mr. Black), which dead-heated.

Burford has not been entered for to-day and in its absence it would appear that Mr. T. K. L.'s Confusion Bay, the Champion China pony Griffin, will battle out the finish against the Circable candidates, Racylight (Mr. Wei), Spicylight (Mr. Pih) and Velvetlight (Mr. Chao).

Confusion Bay has to concede Racylight, which is considered the best among the Circable ponies. This, however, should not seriously interfere with Confusion Bay's prospects of winning, as it is a big hearted pony accustomed to carrying heavy weights. On the other hand, Racylight has a good chance of winning as the distance is only one mile, which it is quite capable of completing at practically the same speed as evidence of which it may be recalled that it won the Victoria Stakes at the Annual Meeting in 1940.

The only other entry of importance is O-Lan, but good as it undoubtedly is, I cannot see it beating the above two ponies. However, with the cream of the China ponies in this race, I find it difficult to say, with any degree of certainty, which one is likely to win, but I expect the finish to be a really exciting one. Punters have three outstanding ponies on which to place their bets: Confusion Bay (Mr. Black), Racylight (Mr. Wei) and O-Lan (Mr. Needa), and they need look no further than one of these to pay the winning dividend.

TO-DAY'S HANDICAPS

The following are the handicaps for to-day's 12 events.

Sydney Handicap, First Section, Six Furlongs:—A Good Time, 135; Amber II, 140; Annabella, 159; Bredon, 159; Cice, 152; Longdon, 149; National Victory, 149; Quick Despatch, 159; Rising Star, 149; Roundly, 159; Spring Shine, 159; Wmme, 159.

Kellef Handicap, First Section, 1 1/4 Miles:—Blue Diamond, 140; Eve of Folly, 152; Eve of Peace, 149; Expansion Time, 140; Jennifer, 152; Jober, 150; King Kong, 146; Lancashire Lass, 152; Peaceful View, 152; Rob Roy, 152; Rose June, 140; Thirty Six, 150; Wonderful Scheme, 152; Smashing Through, 152.

Cabramatta Handicap, First Section, Six Furlongs:—A Roaring Time, 152; Australian Prince, 145; Catterick Bridge, 148; Centre Court, 145; Cheerful Star, 145; Derby Day, 152; Double Finesse, 145; Flying Dutchman, 152; Franklin, 152; Income Tax, 152; Rivalry, 152; Shuttlecock, 142; Warrego River, 145.

Albury Handicap, From The 1 1/2 Mile Post:—Baffin Bay, Barred; Brown Derby, 135; Castle Hill, 152; Distant View, 149; Endeavour, 145; Flying Fortress, 152; Lancashire Chips, 135; Many Thanks, 139; Sapper, 159; United Express, 147; Vanity Fair, 136.

Note:—If "Sapper" does not accept the following weights will apply.—Baffin Bay, Barred; Brown Derby, 135; Castle Hill, 152; Distant View, 159; Endeavour, 152; Flying Fortress, 152; Lancashire Chips, 135.

Wattle Park Handicap, Six Furlongs:—A Surprising Time, 149; Bendemeer, 138; Black Seal, 145; Corsair, 140; Happy Returns, 146; Jus Gentium, 152; King's Flight, 149; Lex Fori, 138; Mainsail, Barred; Manhattan, 156; Maple Leaf, 142; Moonlight, 152; National Welfare, 145; Optima Fide, 152; Santa Anita, 143.

Kellef Handicap, Second Section, 1 1/4 Miles:—Advancing Time, 145; Emergency Unit, 142; Galveston Bay, 155; Jane Doe, 152; Just In Time, 141; Musketeer, 147; Night Express, 152; Odeon, 157; Pajolita, 145; Racconteur, 149; Rose Evelyn, 141; Rose Flana, 152; So Nice, 146.

Sydney Handicap, Second Section, Six Furlongs:—Amusement Tax, 149; Canberra, 149; Iron Belle, 145; King's Welcome, 152;

RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

Race No. 1
LONGDON
BREDON
CIRCE
Outsider:—National Victory.

Race No. 2
JOBER
KING KONG
JENNIFER
Outsider:—Thirty Six.

Race No. 3
CHEERFUL STAR
CATTERICK BRIDGE
SHUTTLECOCK
Outsider:—Derby Day

Race No. 4
CONFUSION BAY
RACYLIGHT
VELVETLIGHT
Outsider:—Spicylight.

Race No. 5
FLEETWING
MARSH WARBLER
VIS MAJOR
Outsider:—Mountain View

Race No. 6
UNITED EXPRESS
DISTANT VIEW
SAPPER
Outsider:—Vanity Fair.

Race No. 7
VITAMIN M
THE KOALA BEAR
BONA VACANTIA
Outsider:—Seventy Six.

Race No. 8
MANHATTAN
MOONLIGHT
KING'S FLIGHT
Outsider:—A Surprising Time.

Race No. 9
GALVESTON BAY
EMERGENCY UNIT
ADVANCING TIME
Outsider:—Night Express.

Race No. 10
KING'S WELCOME
MAN-O-WAR
NATIONAL REFORM
Outsider:—Canberra.

Race No. 11
ANGEL OF GLORY
SEAL RIVER
CORRIEDOO
Outsider:—Bendigo.

Race No. 12
NOMINE POENAE
GRACEFUL VIEW
HASCOSAY
Outsider:—Bruno.

DAILY DOUBLE:—FLEETWING and VITAMIN M.

SYLVANDALE DESTROYED

Sylvandale, a 1935 China pony griffin, owned by Mr. A. H. Potts, which sustained a fractured pelvis when it fell outside the paddock during the running of the Taiwan Bay Handicap on Saturday, had to be destroyed yesterday morning, the "China Mail" was informed this morning.

Mr. G. W. Cooper, the novice jockey who took Sylvandale out in this event, was thrown but fortunately sustained no injury.

To the end of the 1940 season Sylvandale had won \$6,725 in stakes money.

MR. DAVIS SUSPENDED

The following notice was posted at the Jockey Club yesterday:

"As a result of an inquiry held by the Stewards into the reported incidents during the running of the above race, Mr. P. Y. T. Wei was severely reprimanded and Mr. W. H. S. Davis was suspended from riding in races for the remainder of the first half of the 1941 racing season."

As reported in the "Sunday Herald," a Stewards' Enquiry was held after the Hongham Bay Handicap (Second Section) in which race Mr. W. G. Poy, on Rose Emily, was unseated just after the field had come into the straight for the run home.

Man-O-War, 149; National Reform, 149; Radio Decidendi, 149; Riverside, 149; Subpoena, 145; Tropical Love, 145; Vanguard, 149.
Cabramatta Handicap, Second Section, Six Furlongs:—Bruno, 135; Cocklerol, 142; Graceful View, 147; Hascosay, 152; Locust Standl, 151; Maple Star, 138; Misty View, 151; Mountain View, 159; National Courage, 152; Nomine Poenae, 150; Sea Jay, 145; The Nineteenth Hole, Barred; Vis Major, 152.

1941 FORM GUIDE

Following is a complete survey of racing at the Valley this year, giving the time, first three ponies, their jockeys and weights, won by and when—A.M. stands for Annual Meeting, and 1 or 2 means first or second day. E.1 represents First Extra Race Meeting, etc.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES "A" CLASS

1 MILE 171 YARDS
153—Sapper (Davis, 150) Record; 2, Distant View (Pih, 152); 3, Viceroy (Black, 140). 2 1/2 lengths and 1 1/2 lengths E.2.
TWO MILES
142 3—Baffin Bay (Chao, 159) Record; 2, Australian Diamond (Chang, 159); 3, Triumph Day (Liang, 140) 2 and many E.3 (1).

AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS, 1941

HALF MILE & 70 YARDS
101—The Nineteenth Hole (Hearne, 142); 2, King's Welcome (Black, 143); 3, Misty View (Pih, 144). Two and 1/2 E.3 (1).
101 1—Distant View (Pih, 152); 2, Fleetwing (Poy, 152); 3, Misty View (Botelho, 152) 5 and 2 A.M.3.

102 0—Starlight (Moller, 152); 2, Nomine Poenae (Chao, 152); 3, Hascosay (Davis, 152) 1 1/2 and short head A.M.4.
102 2—Grooming (Poy, 152); 2, Hascosay (Davis, 152); 3, Locust Standl (Sokoloff, 152) 3 and short head A.M.5.

6 FURLONGS
116—Vanity Fair (Wei, 159); 2, Many Thanks (Pih, 159); 3, Griffel (Black, 144) Short head and a head E.2.
118 4—Moonlight (Wei, 142); Happy Returns (Chao, 151); 3, Pumpernickel (Pih, 152) Many lengths and a neck E.2.

118 2—Distant View (Pih, 152); 2, Vis Major (Sokoloff, 152); 3, Starlight (Moller, 152) 3 and 5 A.M.1.
ONE MILE
148 3—A Luxurious Time (Hearne, 152); 2, Prairie View (Pih, 152); 3, National Courage (Tao, 152) 3 and 2 A.M.5.

150 3—Mainsail (Black, 152); 2, A Rosy Time (Hearne, 149); 3, The Koala Bear (Tang, 142) 5 and 1 1/2 A.M.5.
151 0—A Happy Time (Holden, 152); 2, Fleetwing (Poy, 152); 3, Coloona (Black, 152) 5 and short head A.M.1.

1 MILE 171 YARDS
155—Starlight (Wei, 147); 2, Coloona (Black, 152); 3, Mountain View (Botelho, 145) Half length and a neck.
200 3—Fleetwing (Poy, 152); Starlight (Moller, 152); 3, Mountain View (Pih, 152) 3 and 1 A.M. 2

1 1/4 MILES
219 3—Coloona (Black, 152); 2, Oracle (Needa, 149); 3, Prairie View (Pih, 152) Short head and 3 A.M.3.
219 4—First Love (Liang, 152); 2, Prairie View (Pih, 152); 3, Marsh Warbler (Black, 152) 3 and short head A.M.1.

1 1/2 MILES
254 1—Distant View (Pih, 152); 2, Oracle (Needa, 151); 3, First Love (Liang, 152) Many and 3 A.M.2.
1 3/4 MILES
325 1—Marsh Warbler (Black, 152); 2, Mountain View (Pih, 152); 3, National Courage (Tao, 152) 2 1/2 and many A.M.4.

AUSTRALIAN SUBS, 1941
HALF MILE
511—Moonlight (Noodt, 149); 2, Bona Vacantia (Sokoloff, 152); 3, Fresh Air (Kui-yung, 149) 2 and short head A.M.2.
541—Bendemeer (Needa, 152); 2, Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152); 3, Newborn Star (Craven, 152) 2 and 4 A.M.2.

101 1—Fresh Air (Pan, 148); 2, Newborn Star (Davis, 145); 3, Gold Rod (Liang, 142) 4 and 6 E.3 (1).
ABOUT 1/2 MILE AND 171 YARDS
102 2—Hole In One (Hearne, 142); 2, Battle (Chang, 142); 3, Royal Sovereign (Tao, 150) 1 1/2 and 1/2 E.3 (1).

6 FURLONGS
118 4—United Express (Ip Kui-yung, 152); 2, Fresh Air (Woo, 149); 3, Newborn Star (Craven, 152) 5 and 1/2 A.M.1.
119 4—Amulet Star (Craven, 152); 2, Black Seal (Chao, 152); 3, A Surprising Time (Holden, 152) Neck and short head A.M.1.

119 4—National Welfare (Tao, 152); 2, Happy Returns (Wei, 149); 3, Vitamin M (Black, 152) Head and head A.M.1.
120 2—Maple Leaf (Noodt, 149); 2, Optima Fide (Sokoloff, 152); Fresh Air (Needa, 149) 1 1/2 and 1/2 A.M.3.

147 4—Corsair (Botelho, 149); 2, Bona Vacantia (Lee, 152); 3, Daylight (Wei, 152) 2 and 3 E.1.
147 4—Optima Fide (Chao, 152); 2, Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152); 3, A Rosy Time (Black, 149) Half length and a neck E.1.

144 0—Oracle (Needa, 150); Nomine Poenae (Chao, 152); 3, Prairie View (Pih, 152) 1 1/2 and 6 E.1 (Record).
144 2—Connobor (Chao, 151); 2, Devontan (Black, 142); 3, Rowan (Hearne, 150) 2 and a neck E.1.

146 1—Black Seal (Needa, 152); 2, Tho



Koala Bear (Tang, 152); 3, Bendigo (Black, 152) Half-length and 1 1/2 lengths E.1.
144 3—Shuttlecock (Black, 139); 2, Venus Bay (Needa, 159); 3, Cocklerol (Davis, 138) A neck and 3 E.1.

ONE MILE
140 0—Manhattan (Hearne, 149); Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150); 3, Endeavour (Wei, 152) 4 and 3 A.M.1.
148 0—Endeavour (Moller, 152); 2, Mainsail (Yuen, 152); 3, A Surprising Time (Black, 152) 1 1/2 and 4 A.M.4.

149 2—Jus Gentium (Black, 149); 2, Snow White (Pih, 149); 3, Sea River (Hearne, 149) 2 and 3 E.1.
151 0—A Surprising Time (Black, 152); 2, Black Seal (Moller, 152); 3, Corsair (Botelho, 149) 3 and 3 A.M.5.

152 0—United Express (Ip Kui-yung, 152); 2, Tien Tien (Sung, 150); 3, Casino (Tung Man-wa, 149) Many and 2 A.M.2.
153 0—Lex Fori (Sokoloff, 152); 2, Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152); 3, Bugle (Moller, 149) 1 1/2 and 1 1/2 A.M.4.

1 MILE 171 YARDS
157 2—A Happy Time (Black, 152); 2, Connobor (Chao, 151); 3, Starlight (Wei, 157) 2 and 2 E.3 (1).
157 4—Springhurst (Poy, 148); 2, Connobor (Davis, 149); 3, Vixen Tor (Treverton, 144) A neck and 1 length E.3 (1).

200 0—Dutch Treat (Botelho, 152); 2, Black Seal (Chao, 152); 3, Bugle (Wei, 149) Short head and 1/2 A.M.2.
202 2—Happy Returns (Chao, 149); 2, Santa Anita (Liang, 152); 3, Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152) 1 and 2 A.M.3.

1 1/4 MILES
216—Mainsail (Black, 152) Record; 2, King's Flight (Needa, 149); 3, Happy Returns (Wei, 151) 1 1/2 and 1/2 E.3 (1).
222 2—King's Flight (Needa, 152); 2, Lex Fori (Sokoloff, 152); 3, Bugle (Moller, 149) 4 and 1 1/2 A.M.3.

230 2—Santa Anita (Liang, 153); 2, King's Flight (Needa, 153); 3, Corsair (Botelho, 150) 3 and 2 A.M.2.
249 0—United Express (Ip, 152); 2, Endeavour (Moller, 152); 3, Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150) 1 1/2 and 1/2 A.M.3.

TWO MILES
355 1—Never-Never (Black, 152); 2, Santa Anita (Liang, 152); 3, Corsair (Botelho, 149) 2 and many A.M.4.

AUSTRALIAN OLD PONIES

6 FURLONGS
118 0—Viceroy (Black, 147); 2, Far View (Pih, 159); 3, Brown Derby (Treverton, 135) Head and short head A.M.3.

ONE MILE
146 2—Sapper (Davis, 159); 2, Far View (Pih, 159); 3, Viceroy (Black, 142) 5 and 2 1/2 A.M.1.
150 3—Catterick Bridge (Chao, 148); 2, Venus Bay (Needa, 159); 3, Cheerful Star (Tao, 154) 1/2 and 1 A.M.3.

152 2—Longdon (Noodt, 135); 2, Rosily (Needa, 159); 3, A Good Time (Chang, 134) 5 and 2 A.M.4.
156 0—Many Thanks (Hearne, 159); 2, Vixen Tor (Noodt, 147); 3, Pumpernickel (Tao, 153) Many and 4 A.M.2.

1 MILE 171 YARDS
159 1—Far Chance (Wei, 146); 2, Springhurst (Poy, 148); 3, Vixen Tor (Noodt, 143) 1 1/2 and short head A.M.1.

TWO MILES
339 1—Endeavour (Wei, 145); 2, Australian Diamond (Chang, 150); 3, Viceroy (Black, 154) 4 and 3 E.1.
351 4—Brutus (Treverton, 135); 2, Springhurst (Poy, 149); 3, Connobor (Chang, 149) 3 and 1/2 A.M.4.

354 3—Centre Court (Noodt, 146); 2, Venus Bay (Needa, 159); 3, Colorado Star (Davis, 135) 1 1/2 and many A.M.5.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

1/4 MILES
217 0—Sapper (Davis, 152); 2, Distant View (Pih, 152); 3, Viceroy (Black, 152) 3 and 5 A.M.4.
218 1—United Express (Ip Kui-yung, 152); 2, Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150); 3, Happy Returns (Chao, 151) 3 and 1/2 A.M.5.

NEW CHINA PONIES
106—Wonderful Scheme (D. H. S. Craven, 144); 2, Night Express (Pih, 144); 3, So Nice (Davis, 142) 1 and 4 E.3 (1).
ABOUT HALF-MILE 171 YARDS
106 2—Lancashire Lass (R. K. C. Chui, 144); 2, Jennifer (Coppin, 152); 3, King Kong (Hoo Pak-ming, 147) 3 and a neck E.2.

100 3—Galveston Bay (Yui, 145); 2, Musketeer (Hoo Pak-ming, 139); 3, Emergency Unit (S. W. Leo, 142) Half length and four lengths E.2.
6 FURLONGS
123 3—Oolohk (Needa, 152); 2, Velvetlight (Noodt, 152); 3, Palber (Chao, 152) 3 and 4 A.M.1.

124 4—Charlesber (Chao, 152); 2, Iron Beauty (Wei, 152); 3, Odeon (Sequera, 152) 4 and many E.1.

126 0—Palber (Chao, 152); 2, Sam's Choice (Black, 149); 3, Wonderful Scheme (Sokoloff, 152) 1 and 1 A.M.4.
ONE MILE
156—Eve of Grandeur (Davis, 149); 2, Odeon (Needa, 152); 3, Night Express (Ip Kui-yung, 149) 2 and 2 E.2.

158 1—Velvetlight (Moller, 159); 2, Oolong (Pollock, 159); 3, Charlesber (Chao, 152) 1/2 and many A.M.4.
159 3—World Fair View (Pih, 152); 2, Palber (Chao, 152); 3, Sam's Choice (Black, 149) Many and head A.M.3.

201 0—Eve of Dancing (Wood, 154); Eve of Folly (Davis, 156); Rose Jane (Botelho, 149) 2 and a head A.M.5.
210 4—Oolong (Sokoloff, 159); 2, Velvetlight (Moller, 159); 3, Charlesber (Chao, 152) Short head and many A.M.3.

1 MILE 171 YARDS
210 1—Sam's Choice (Black, 149); 2, Charlesber (Chao, 152); 3, Iron Beauty (Wei, 152) Short head and 3 lengths A.M.5.
1 1/4 MILES
241 0—Velvetlight (Moller, 152); 2, Eve of Deception (Coppin, 150); 3, Racconteur (Wei, 152) 3 and many A.M.1.

1 1/2 MILES
302 0—Oolong (Needa, 152); 2, Velvetlight (Moller, 152); 3, Lovelylight (Noodt, 152) 1 and 6 A.M.2.

OLD CHINA PONIES

108—Avon (Black, 144); 2, Rose Emily (Chu Ki-fan, 139); 3, Hughber (Chao, 150) 3 and half-length E.2.
122 1—Velvetlight (Wei, 159); 2, World Fair View (Pih, 149); 3, Charlesber (K. T. Ip, 142) Three-quarter lengths and 1 1/2 lengths E.2.

6 FURLONGS
134 2—Eve of Peace (Wood, 155); 2, Lovely Star (Fung, 159); 3, Royal Wedding Eve (Felden, 168) 6 and many A.M.2.
1 MILE
154 0—Racylight (Noodt, 152); 2, Eve of Harvest (Davis, 152); 3, Spicylight (Moller, 155) 1 and 1 1/2 A.M.3.

158 1—Hillsboro Bay (Needa, 152); 2, Hughber (Treverton, 138); 3, Lilliber (Chang, 143) Short head and head A.M.5.
158 3—Conquering Time (Moller, 150); and Eve of Reason (Davis, 155); 3, Hughber (Chang, 135) Dead heat and short head A.M.2.

200 3—Blue Field (Yui, 152); 2, Eve of Hunting (Silva, 152); 3, Celtic Star (Chiu, 152) A neck and 4 E.3 (1).
204 4—Portrush (Li Shui-fai, 135); 2, West Lake (Lee, 152); 3, Sunlight View (Chiu, 145) 4 and many E.3 (1).

1 MILE 171 YARDS
206 1—Galaxy (Wei, 140); 2, Hughber (Chao, 152); 3, Eve of Dancing (Davis, 158) A neck and 1/2 length E.3 (1).
212 4—Avon (Black, 142); 2, Johnber (Chao, 149); 3, Sam's Choice (Hearne, 140) Short head and head E.3 (1).

213 3—Gladialor (Chatterly, 145); 2, Potentate (Chiu Ki-fan, 149); 3, Galveston Bay (Yui, 140) 1/2 and 3 A.M.4.
216 2—Eve of Peace (Coppin, 154); 2, Eve of Hunting (Davis, 155); 3, Royal Wedding Eve (Sokoloff, 159) 4 and 2 1/2 A.M.3.

1 1/4 MILES
225 1—Naylight (Moller, 153); 2, Eve of Harvest (Davis, 153); 3, Confusion Bay (Needa, 150) Head and 5 A.M.2.
226 2—Confusion Bay (Black, 152); 2, Naylight (Moller, 152); 3, O-Lan (Needa, 149) 2 and 1 A.M.4.

1 1/2 MILES
326 1—O-Lan (Needa, 149); 2, Eve of Harvest (Davis, 149); 3, Burford (S. W. Tang, 152) 2 and short head A.M.1.



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ROYALS DESERVE WIN OVER POLICE; PLAY WELL

Bankier Plays A Brilliant Game In Goal North And Ferrier Shine For Police

By "Sportshawk"

THE LAST FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE SOCCER MATCH OF THE SEASON WAS PLAYED AT BOUNDARY STREET YESTERDAY, WHEN ROYAL SCOTS DEFEATED POLICE BY THE ODD GOAL IN FIVE, AFTER LEADING BY TWO CLEAR GOALS AT THE INTERVAL.

Police were without the services of Gough, their pivot, and Parker. Royals were full value for their victory, although the score might have suggested that it was an even game.

Police never appeared to be a winning combination and were always kept in the oven until the later stages of the second period, when they improved somewhat and rained the Royals' goal several times.

Bankier, keeper for Royals, played a very safe game throughout. His high handling and clever anticipation were worth watching. However, he was responsible for the goal scored by Chan Tat-fai, as he ran out and was not able to return to his charge, Chan netting with an open goal before him.

Naysmith and Fraser were a pair of sound backs. They both kept the Police forwards out, while Parnaby played a scheming game in the pivotal position.

Hossack Shines

Outstanding in the Royals' attack were Hossack, the former Colony interporter, Auld and Munro. Hossack was speedy and showed good foot-work, but he failed several times through wild shootings when in possession. The latter two players combined very well and were a constant source of worry to Police defence.

For Police, Chang Wing played up to his best standard between the sticks and was responsible for several saves, while Blackburn was the mainstay of the defence.

Pope, usually a right-half, appeared uncomfortable in the pivotal position. He played a hard game, however, and sent several good and accurate passes to his forwards which they were unable to turn to account. North was perhaps the best half for Police, holding his own very well.

Ferrier was the schemer in the Police attack but was inclined to hang on too long to the ball, but Howlett was out of the picture for most of the time. Moss discharged his duties on the left-wing quite well but was injured in the second period.

Munro scored the opening goal for Royals not long after the start and Auld added another before the interval.

Powerful Shot

In the middle stage of the second period, Hossack sent in a powerful shot, which Chang Wing pushed against the post for the ball to bounce into the net.

About 15 minutes from the end, Bankier, keeper for Royals, chased the ball to the half-back line and was unable to return, Chan Tat-fai scoring easily.

A short while later, Police were awarded a free-kick just outside the penalty area and Pope converted.

ROYAL SCOTS—Bankier; Naysmith and Fraser; Adamson, Parnaby and Marshall; Hossack, James, Auld, Munro and Larkins.

POLICE—Chang Wing; Blackburn and Chan Kwong-yu; Mak Hon-fan, Pope and North; Chan Tat-fai, Ferrier, Howlett, Coull and Moss.

SOUTH CHINA—Tam Kwan-ken; Tsang Chung-wan, Lee Kwok-wai, Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po, Tse Kam-hung; Lee Tak-kee, Lau Chung-sang, Lee Wai-tong, Chow Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

THE REST—Bankier (Royal Scots); Roughley (Navy), Blackburn (Police); Freshwater (Middlesex), Hsu King-shing (Eastern), Thomas (Middlesex); Fowler (Club); Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao), Hendy (Navy), Barber (Navy) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

RESERVES—Lapsley and Maxwell (Kowloon), Fraser (Royal Scots), Bright (Middlesex), Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao), Lee Page (Navy), Howlett and Ferrier (Police) and Hertsen (Club).

TO-DAY'S IMPORTANT SOCCER GAME

The play-off for the Third Division soccer title between Royal Air Force and Royal Corps of Signals will be played this afternoon at Sookunpoo at 2.30 p.m.

South China, first division champions, will meet a team chosen from the rest of the Club in an exhibition game at 4 p.m. after which the trophies for the three divisions will be distributed. By Mrs. M. K. Lo, wife of the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Vice-president of the Hong Kong Football Association.

FAMOUS REFEREE SUSPENDED

Because he had officiated as a referee without renewing his certificate, Mr. Harry Nattrass, of Sunderland, has been suspended by the Durham Football Association from taking any further part in the game as a referee.

This decision of the Emergency Committee has been forwarded to

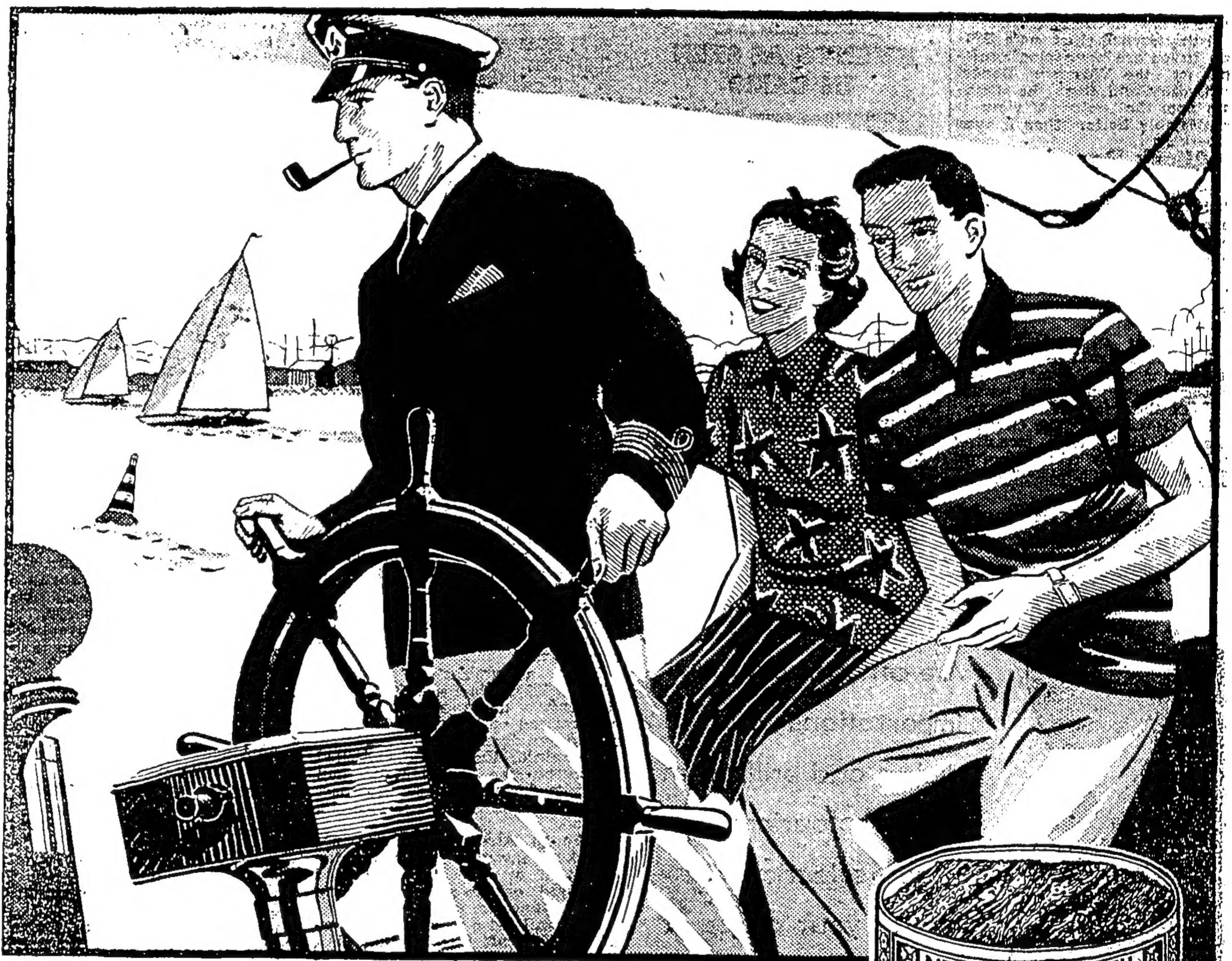
the Football Association, the Football League, and the Northumberland and Durham War-time League.

Mr. Nattrass is one of the best known football referees in the North-East.

A few years ago he had charge of an F.A. Cup Final and has also officiated at important matches in Ireland.

It is understood that although he failed to renew his certificate of affiliation he has officiated at Regional League matches at Middlesbrough and Newcastle this season and also at two Northumberland and Durham League games.

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SWIFT NAZI ADVANCE

Capture Bardia And Fighting Around Sollum

WIDE NAZI DETOUR TO EFFECT COUP

SWIFT MOVEMENTS on the Libyan war front, with fighting now proceeding in the neighbourhood of the Egyptian frontier at Port Sollum, were revealed in well-informed quarters in Cairo last night.

It was learned that an enemy mechanised column on Saturday occupied Port Bardia, just inside the Libyan frontier, after making a detour around Tobruk, about 75 miles to the west.

Bardia had been previously evacuated by the British and Imperial forces.

Fighting is also going on in the Tobruk area where it is stated British forces are not surrounded or isolated and it is possible for a mechanised column to establish contact across the desert.

It was learned that more British troops are becoming available for the Western Desert front daily and that the situation from that point of view is considerably better than it was a week ago.

Attack Repulsed

It was not revealed whether the British are occupying the strong defence works built by the Italians at Tobruk, particularly the double perimeter defences, but it is presumed that it was certain it was a German attack against these defences which the British repulsed.

The presence of a strong British force at Tobruk would constitute a dangerous threat to German communications and would immobilise their forces.

It is believed that the German mechanised units are receiving petrol supplies by air although

only in relatively small quantities.

The speed of the German advance is considered likely to have caused considerable wear and tear to their vehicles. From all accounts German casualties in the desert fighting have been fairly heavy. — Reuter.

EVENTS AS SEEN IN CAIRO

(Continued from Page 1)
Heavy Losses

The relentless German pressure both in the Balkans and Africa is costing them fairly heavy losses in men and material.

The Germans claim to have occupied Belgrade but the position generally in Yugoslavia is described in London as slightly more comforting, with Yugoslavian commanders contesting the German thrusts and scoring a certain success in the south.

The two main British advances to clean up the East African campaign in Abyssinia are still being held up by demolitions along the Gondar and Dessie roads. — Reuter.

Pacific War Unlikely?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"I found no bases either in China or Japan for believing that a Japan-American war is likely this year," declared Mr. F. M. Marquardt, International News special correspondent, on arrival in San Francisco from Manila yesterday.

"The Japanese navy, which would be forced to bear the brunt of any new Pacific conflict, is more conservative than the army and is unlikely to precipitate war. Of course the Tokyo militarists might upset the apple cart but I believe this is unlikely," International News Service.

HEAVY R.A.F. ATTACK

An R.A.F. communique in Cairo says British fighters machine-gunned and damaged enemy motor transport in the Gazala area.

During Friday night bomber aircraft made several attacks on targets in the same area, and heavily and successfully bombed Gazala aerodrome.

An ammunition dump near Msus landing ground, where fires and explosions were caused, and motor transport south of Gazala, on which direct hits were registered, were among other objectives bombed. R.A.F. bombers raided Calato during Friday night and many direct hits were observed on the aerodrome, and one large fire was started.

Malta: a number of Junkers 87's raided Malta on Friday night. No serious damage or casualties was caused and one raider was shot down by A.A. fire.

Abyssinia: the R.A.F. attacked the aerodrome at Alomata and severely damaged motor transport and a number of aircraft on the ground.

South African fighters attacked enemy aircraft on the ground at Selassiamanna and turned out two Savoias and two Capronis.

From all these operations three of our aircraft are missing but two of the pilots are safe. — Reuter.

Turkish Demand Obeyed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A formal and vigorous demand by Turkey resulted in the withdrawal of over 400,000 German and Bulgarian troops from the north-west Turkish frontier, it was learned in Istanbul yesterday.

While Britain has begun evacuating her nationals from Turkey, now menaced with war as a result of the German conquest of Greece and Thrace, it was ascertained that some 27 divisions of the German and Bulgarian armies have been removed to points averaging 20 miles back from the Turco-Bulgarian border. — International News Service.

Imperial Forces Still Hold Tobruk

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THE AXIS HAS NOT CLAIMED THAT ITS FORCES HAVE TAKEN ANY PRISONERS IN "SURROUNDING TOBRUK AND OCCUPYING BARDIA."

This factor is a determining quality in the success of desert warfare. How big a British garrison was left in Tobruk is General Wavell's secret.

No commander could face with equanimity the prospect of investing this fortified town in the heat of the oncoming Libyan summer.

There is no water for miles around and the sand irradiates heat which must be experienced to be believed.

The garrison, on the other hand, is well supplied with water, has the shelter of cuttings made by the Italians in the rock formation and can always be relieved or reinforced by sea, of which Britain has the command.

Holding Of Tobruk

If the Axis ignores Tobruk and proceeds with an advance against Egypt, it will be threatened with a serious menace to its communications.

General Wavell's plans as a whole have not revealed themselves but after Lord Moyne's remarks in the House of Lords on Thursday, it can be assumed with some confidence that the holding of Tobruk enters into them. — Reuter.

Detour Round Tobruk

German and Italian troops have occupied Bardia, claims the German radio, which also announced the Germans have entered Belgrade.

Well-informed quarters in Cairo declared that an enemy mechanised column occupied Bardia on Saturday after making a detour round Tobruk.

Bardia previously had been evacuated by British troops.

Fighting is now proceeding near Sollum and fighting is also proceeding in the Tobruk area. Regarding the position in Cyrenaica, it was pointed out in London yesterday that the War Office communique referred to encounters with enemy mobile troops in the Tobruk-Bardia area.

Not Always Correct

At the same time the War Office did not wish either to confirm or deny German claims for very obvious reasons that the Germans might be issuing claims with the object of eliciting information from the British.

It was stressed that German claims from this area were not always correct. — Reuter.

Harassing Attacks

Royal Air Force fighters and bombers continued harassing attacks on enemy positions, aerodromes and motor-transport in Cyrenaica on Saturday and throughout Friday, it was reported in Cairo yesterday.

A number of enemy tanks and other vehicles formed up for an attack near Tobruk were repeated-

edly bombed and dispersed. Many vehicles were damaged or destroyed. — Reuter.

FATHER TISO OFF TO BRATISLAVA

The Slovak Minister to Moscow, Father Tiso, left by train for Bratislava last night to consult with his Government. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Senator Nye, on the Soviet Japan Treaty, said last night: "It means only one thing. It puts Uncle Sam out on a limb." — International News Service.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Yugoslavs are putting up a good fight in the North and West, according to information reaching London, and are driving down the Kachanik Gorge in an effort to recapture Skopje. There is no confirmation of the Nazi claim to capture of Belgrade. — International News Service.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Well-informed quarters in Istanbul state that following the German thrust on Eastern Greece, about 12,000 Greek troops and 20,000 civilians have taken refuge in Turkey. — International News Service.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin hails the Soviet-Japan Treaty with undisguised satisfaction. The Foreign Office spokesman said: "It is a sound contribution to further consolidation of Japan's Far East security. The Pact pulls the props from under the Chiang Kai-shek regime and dashes any prospects America entertained of a hostile Soviet move against Japan." — International News Service.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

International News Service's Correspondent in Athens says the battle which may decide the fate of Greece is raging with mounting intensity. After the introductory clash, when the British and Greek forces smashed the German spearhead, the "powerful defence wall" built by the British met the full weight of the invaders.

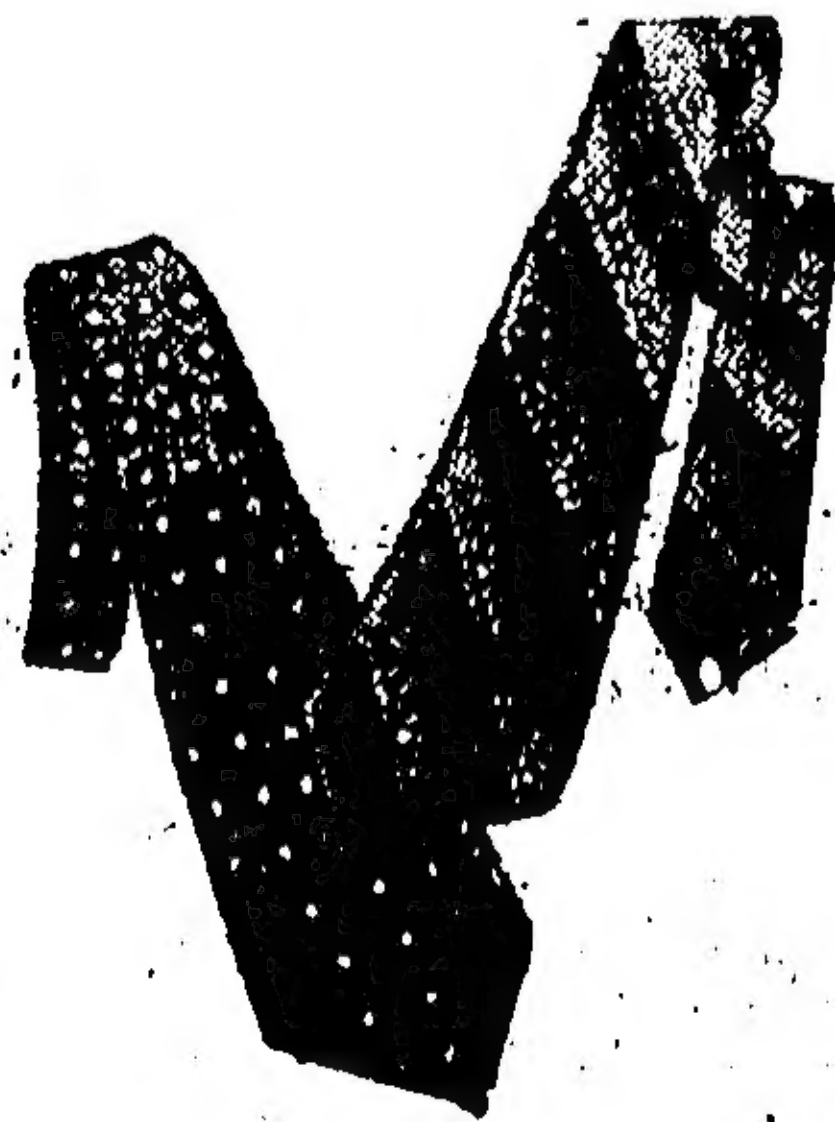
"Generally speaking," said an official announcement, "wherever the hitherto invincible German columns met the Anglo-Greek forces, they have been checked."

The smashing of a German mass attack on a twelve-mile front from Florina east is described as a "terrific disaster for the Germans." — International News Service.

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